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Treasury may let stocks fall 40 per cent before intervening

By AVI TEMKIN and JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Despite yesterday's sharpest one-session drop in prices in the history of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the Treasury does not plan to intervene to stabilize share prices until they decline to between 60-70 per cent of their average level at the beginning of January, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Other sources have confirmed that the Treasury is thinking of letting share values drop to what it considers to be their real value, which is somewhere around the average price level for December 1981.

The sources added that since the current value of shares is 70 per cent higher in real terms than what it ought to be the Finance Ministry may be prepared to wait until the share price level falls as much as 40 per cent before taking any steps.

Since in real terms the price index for shares stood at the beginning of January at 170 points (on a December 1981=100 points baseline), a 40 per cent drop (68 points) is required to bring back the index to what the Treasury considers its proper level.

The sources added that, since the decline in share prices registered since Thursday ranges between 20 and 25 per cent, no immediate action by the Treasury is likely.

Economic observers in Jerusalem pointed out yesterday that the ministry has been under pressure from the commercial banks to begin steps to help them support the market, but the Treasury has so far refused.

Anong other possible steps, the Treasury could request that the Bank of Israel open credit channels which could be used to inject liquidity to the banks, which then could be used to support share prices.

The Bank of Israel said yesterday that until now it has received no such request from the Treasury or from the commercial banks. The bank has said that it is following the developments in the stock exchange, but it stressed that no danger exists to the normal activities of the banks.

According to the observers, the Treasury was taken by surprise by the strength of the public's reaction; but it has been trying to take advantage of the unexpected situation.

Officially the ministry has stressed that it has nothing to add to its first reaction to the drop in share values (which was issued Friday) and called for calm, stressing that no collapse is likely.

At the stock exchange yesterday, massive orders for the redemption of mutual funds — whose holdings primarily consist of shares — forced fund managers to sell share holdings.

"On Sunday the public were the heavy sellers. Yesterday it was the turn of the mutual funds," Yosef Nitzani, general manager of the exchange, told *The Post*.

It would appear that the mutual funds were able to redeem all units which were offered for sale. "A positive sign was the fact that no mutual fund turned to the exchange with a request to delay redemptions," Nitzani stated.

According to exchange regulations, a mutual fund may ask for a delay in effecting redemption under extenuating circumstances.

It was a "black Monday" for the exchange and investors alike, with 106 securities registered as "sellers only," which lowered their prices automatically by 5 per cent without any trading taking place.

Another 198 securities traded with losses which ran the gamut from more than 5 per cent to as much as 60 per cent.

Six securities lost more than 50 per cent of their value.

Trading turnovers were extremely heavy and almost reached the IS2.4 billion mark. If not for the more than 100 securities which did not trade, because they were listed as "sellers only," all previous trading turnover records would have been surpassed.

A crisis atmosphere pervaded the Tel Aviv financial district yesterday. Some quarters suggested that the

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A unit of Israel Defence Forces soldiers takes cover yesterday after a Katyusha rocket exploded near the hotel in Halde, where the Israel-Lebanon peace talks are held. The soldiers on the left (with backs to camera) are Lebanese. (UPI telephoto).

Rocket hits Halde, soldier injured

HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

An Israel soldier was wounded near Halde yesterday when a 107mm Katyusha rocket fell just 400 metres south of the Lebanon Beach Hotel where the Israel-Lebanon-U.S. negotiations are taking place. The lone rocket fell at 10:00 a.m. some 30 minutes before yesterday's negotiating session was due to start, hitting an empty shop very close to an Israel Defence Forces position.

The soldier was slightly injured. He returned to duty after receiving first aid.

The IDF initially said the rocket had been launched from territory held by U.S. Marines from the multi-national force north of the Hotel. But later in the afternoon Israeli military officials struck a more conciliatory note, saying that the shell had actually been fired from territory controlled by the Lebanese Army.

An Israeli soldier reported that he had seen the rocket being fired from the direction of Hai el-Saloum. Israeli patrols quickly set out in the direction of the attack, but stopped *short of entering Lebanese*-controlled territory, west of the railway line which is considered the boundary between the forces.

It was decided that OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Drori will meet this week with a representative of the marines to try to settle "differences" between the IDF and the Americans. Tension between the two has become a source of concern to Israeli officials, who were taken aback on Saturday when U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger chose to turn the issue into one of international importance.

Yesterday's casualty was the 25th Israeli soldier to be wounded in terror incidents in and around Beirut since January 1. An Israeli major was killed in an ambush on January 1. Almost all the attackers had penetrated from American-controlled territory.

Begin says talks facing difficulties

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin admitted frankly yesterday that the negotiations with Lebanon have run into difficulties.

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Begin said that while Israel had certain points of disagreement with the U.S. with regard to the negotiations, "our demands are justified and so it is a question of convincing the other partners."

Although the agenda agreed upon with the Lebanese was not "substantive," he conceded, it is important to remember that the agenda contains elements which Israel had insisted upon.

Israel and Lebanon have reached a decision in principle on the termination of the state of war, he said, but the withdrawal issue is still being argued.

Lebanon is insisting that the negotiators first complete their talks about the withdrawal and continue only after that is settled, Begin said.

He said that Israel is insisting on early warning stations, because it believes that without this condition,

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U.S. hints at pressure over Lebanon deadlock

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan Administration yesterday openly stepped up its public pressure on Israel to make more concessions in the Lebanese troop withdrawal negotiations.

The State Department said the U.S. was "extremely concerned" about the slow pace of the talks.

At the same time, the administration pointedly refused to deny a report by syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak that President Ronald Reagan was considering cutting off military aid to Israel to force an Israeli pullback from Lebanon.

State Department spokesman John Hughes simply told reporters that there had been no change in the earlier administration position — as articulated by Secretary of State George Shultz — that aid to Israel should not be used as a leverage in the negotiations. But both he and his White House counterpart repeatedly said they had "no comment" on the Evans and Novak report regarding the considered aid cut-off.

"The research has been done at the National Security Gouncil and the State and Defence Departments, the proper papers have been drafted for the president's signature and Reagan's own mood fits the occasion," the columnists wrote. "Yet, such is Reagan's inclination against confrontation that not even his closest advisers can be sure he will actually invoke the embargo."

Well-placed U.S. and Israeli observers agreed that the lack of an administration denial was designed to signal growing U.S. anger towards Israel. White House and State Department officials are largely blaming Israel for the lack of progress in the actual negotiations.

Evans and Novak said, "Over the last month, Reagan has sweated to make Begin understand that U.S. interests in Lebanon cannot be subservient to Israel's. He sent Begin a secret letter two weeks ago suggesting he would not be welcome in Washington until Israeli troops were on the move out of Lebanon."

The president, they concluded, "now reasons he has nowhere to turn but to the cutoff of American arms. If the Israeli occupation continues, the early March deadline set for bringing Jordan's King Hussein into the crucial West Bank talks will come and go. An expression of the

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Halde talks reflect stalemate

By DAVID LANDAU,
Post Diplomatic Corrrespondent
and agencies

The atmosphere of stalemate that permeated the top-level talks with U.S. envoy Philip Habib in Jerusalem last week made itself clearly felt yesterday at the lower-level Israel-Lebanon-U.S. negotiations at Halde, near Beirut.

The Lebanese and Israeli heads of delegation made tough-sounding pronouncements at the start of the session. And after a day of deliberations in three subcommittees, there was no reference to "progress" in the brief official statement.

There are to be further meetings of the subcommittees today or tomorrow — once the two sides can agree on a venue. Yesterday there was discord over whether the venue should be Herzliya, as Israel wants, or Nahariya, as Lebanon prefers.

The tone was set by Lebanon's chief delegate, Antoine Fattal, who began the day's proceedings by reading out a statement in which he explained that Lebanon could not accept Israel's demands on mutual relations ("normalization") or on security arrangements. To do so would be to risk a rupture with the Arab world, he said.

A Lebanese official source said the main problem was that Israel was asking for early-warning stations in south Lebanon manned by its own experts. The Lebanese regard the proposal as infringing on their sovereignty and bound to provoke opposition both within Lebanon and from Syria.

Fattal reiterated Lebanon's insistence that UNIFIL play a role in the south of the country, after the IDF's withdrawal. Lebanon also wanted to see units of the multinational force deployed in the south, he said.

As for mutual relations, Israeli negotiators said Fattal seemed to envisage "the barest minimum that is possible" in this area.

Israel's David Kimche had no set speech prepared in advance. But he decided that Fattal's statement could not be allowed to pass without a rejoinder, and launched into an exposition of the Israel views on security and mutual relations.

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Begin visit to U.S. has been postponed

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Premier Menachem Begin's visit to Washington has in effect been postponed by President Ronald Reagan it is now admitted in Jerusalem.

Despite initial angry denials from Begin's spokesman when reports to this effect were first published in the U.S., officials here now concede that the invitation to Begin has been re-scheduled from mid-February to an as-yet-undetermined future date.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told a visiting group of Australian socialist MPs that the U.S. was playing "a very useful role in mediation and in bridging gaps" in the Lebanon negotiation.

This observation was in marked

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Drori charges marines are buffer for terrorists

OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Drori yesterday charged in an interview with Associated Press that the marines in Beirut had become a buffer for Palestinian terrorists, and said American authorities had refused Israeli requests to meet and settle the problem.

Drori said several terrorist attacks on Israeli targets in south Beirut in recent weeks originated inside territory under supervision of the marine contingent.

Drori did not suggest that the marines were in any way abetting terrorist activity.

He claimed the reports of friction between Israeli troops and marines were "a storm in a teacup" which could have been avoided if U.S. authorities had agreed to Israeli requests for a meeting between commanders of the two sides to coordinate their moves.

"If anyone in the U.S. is worried that we are going to fire on U.S. marines, he can relax. It's not going to happen," said Drori.

Drori said Israeli tactics included recon by fire, in which roads are cleared by shooting at buildings *suspected of harbouring terrorists*. But he said these actions were limited by stringent safeguards against harming civilians or peacekeeping forces.

To prevent accidental clashes with the marines, he said, "we initiated contacts with the Lebanese and American forces. A meeting was arranged between our senior officer in the area and the commander

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Rain to continue

Jerusalem Post Staff

The rain and cold will continue for at least another two days, the Meteorological Service said yesterday.

The heavy rains this year have already caused extensive damage to

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OPEC meet ends in failure

GENEVA (AP). — OPEC oil ministers ended an emergency meeting yesterday, failing to agree on any of the critical issues that threaten to force oil prices lower and prolong the oil glut that has undermined the cartel's powers to set prices.

"It's a complete failure," said Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani of Saudi Arabia.

The meeting's inconclusive end left open the possibility that oil prices would continue falling, and that the Saudis would carry out their threat to reduce their price.

That, in turn, could prompt a series of price cuts around the world.

Some oil ministers said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to lower its production ceiling by one million barrels a day, although Yamani and other ministers allied to Saudi Arabia denied this.

Even if a consensus of ministers want to hold OPEC's overall production to 17.5 million barrels a day, such an agreement would be meaningless without an accord on sharing production.

The cartel's *failed* meeting leaves open the possibility that Saudi Arabia, OPEC's leading producer, and its Gulf allies would cut their oil prices unilaterally.

That could, in turn, prompt a downward spiral of oil prices throughout the world. Mexico and some other non-OPEC oil-producing countries are fearful of a price-cutting trend, which could force them to default on their huge foreign debt and possibly undermine the international financial system.

Share prices slumped on both the New York and London stock exchanges yesterday in reaction to the news of the OPEC ministers' failure to agree on price-cutting and an oil production ceiling.

Economic analysts in New York said the failure to resolve differences on oil prices has raised the prospect of another round of price cutting by leading oil producers.

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Andropov claims Shcharansky ends strike

PARIS (Reuter). — Imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky has ended his hunger strike and is in good health, French Communist Party leader Georges Marchais said yesterday, citing a letter he had received from Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

Marchais, in a radio interview, said Andropov had written him on Friday to say that Shcharansky had recently had a visit from his mother and ended his hunger strike. "His state of health is satisfactory and nothing endangers his life."

Shcharansky's mother said she had been prevented from visiting her son, but had received a letter from him saying that he was continuing his action and should be treated in hospital, the committee member added.

Last night, Mrs. Milgrom categorically denied that she had seen her son recently. She did so in a telephone call to Jerusalem, reported by Kol Yisrael.

$400 million profit now estimated for Med-Dead canal

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The profit estimates of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea project have flip-flopped again, with the release yesterday of figures by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i showing a net economic benefit of $400 million for the ambitious hydroelectric project. Last month Moda'i said that the project was only a "break-even" proposition.

Moda'i made the announcement yesterday in Jerusalem after two days of deliberations on the final economic and engineering feasibility studies of the project. The ministry decided yesterday that detailed planning for the project would start soon, with construction to begin in the 1984/85 fiscal year and finish by 1992.

The final recommendation to go ahead with the project was submitted to Moda'i two weeks ago by Prof. Shlomo Eckstein and Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, based on their reviews of the feasibility studies.

Eckstein headed a committee in the early 1970s that examined proposals for generating hydroelectric power with water brought from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea.

Ne'eman, who is now science and development minister, headed a committee set up in 1977 that recommended running a canal and tunnel system about 100 kilometres across the Negev to a hydroelectric power plant at the outlet at the Dead Sea. The 800 megawatt capacity plant is supposed to produce electricity only at peak-consumption hours.

The figures showing a $400m. profit for the project over a 50-year period are based on what the project planners now consider to be reasonable assumptions about the interest rates on the capital needed to invest in the project and on the future prices of the fuels to be replaced by hydroelectric power. Higher fuel prices in the future would increase the benefits from the project.

The current estimates indicate a six per cent interest rate and a projected rise of one per cent per year in the price of coal and oil.

Moda'i's assessment last month that the benefits would equal the cost of the project were based on more pessimistic assumptions of an eight per cent interest rate and no increase in the price of fuels.

The projected cost of the canal was also recently revised upward, and now stands at $1.4 billion, including $200m. in interest charges. Last month it was pegged at $1.3b billion.

The current assumptions emerged during the last few weeks

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COPENHAGEN	3	37	6	43	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	-5	23	6	43	Clear
GENEVA	-6	21	4	38	Clear
HELSINKI	-12	10	-4	25	Clear
HONG KONG	10	50	17	63	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	15	59	20	68	Cloudy
LISBON	7	45	14	57	Cloudy
LONDON	4	39	8	46	Overcast
MADRID	-5	23	12	54	Clear
MONTREAL	-6	21	-2	28	Rain
NEW YORK	1	34	10	50	Rain
OSLO	-2	28	7	45	Cloudy
PARIS	-2	28	7	45	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	20	68	32	90	Rain
SAO PAULO	19	67	26	79	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-4	25	6	43	Cloudy
TOKYO	1	30	11	52	Clear
TORONTO	-2	28	4	39	Rain
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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	100	3—7	8
Golan	82	2—9	10
Nahariya	68	7—15	16
Safad	87	2—7	8
Haifa Port	—	10——	16
Tiberias	71	6—16	17
Nazareth	80	5—12	13
Afula	72	7—16	16
Shomron	90	5—10	11
Tel Aviv	76	8—15	16
B-G Airport	86	7—14	16
Jericho	75	9—18	18
Gaza	88	11—15	16
Beersheba	79	7—13	15
Eilat	42	12—17	18

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The 80th birthday of Dr. Alex Bein, prominent Zionist historian and former director of the Zionist Archives and of the Israeli State Archives, was marked at a gathering of his friends and colleagues at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem, on Sunday.

Dr. David Luchins, special assistant to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, will speak tonight at 8 at the Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus, Jerusalem, on Support for Israel in the U.S. Congress.

No-confidence motions fail in Knesset

Poverty is how you measure it

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Benzion Rubin promised yesterday that the government's Large Families Bill would be submitted to the Knesset no later than the first week in March, with the object of having it become law and taking effect by April 1.

Replying to two no-confidence motions, based on "the condition of children of poor families and the extent of poverty," Rubin said that the benefits provided by the bill would greatly improve the situation of large families.

The motions were presented by Rafael Edri (Alignment) and Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality). They were defeated 60-51.

Edri cited the recently published survey by the National Insurance Institute which shows that over 30-0,000 persons in Israel — including 70,000 children and 155,000 elderly — live below the poverty line. This, he said, was proof enough of the government's failure to cope with poverty.

The poverty line is a monthly income of IS16,000 for a family of four.

Anyone who supported the government thereby acquiesced in the steady rise of poverty and was indifferent to the fate of the poor, Edri said.

Biton said that the NII survey paints so bleak a picture it could have been the work of the opposition. He asserted that the Alignment would never have submitted a non-confidence motion on such a subject if it had not learned that the DFPE was planning to submit one.

Biton and a few other members commented adversely on the fact that a deputy minister had been chosen to reply to a no-confidence motion.

Rubin maintained that the concept "below the poverty line" is misleading, since it only took wages into account, but omitted indirect income such as subsidized commodities, housing and education, rehabilitation of depressed neighbourhoods and a variety of social services.

Apart from Israel, only the U.S. and Canada still employ this concept, Rubin said.

In any case, he said, a person whose income is below the poverty line is not hungry, homeless and jobless. The line expresses a level of income in relation to the average wage in the economy.

While the standard of living of the poor had risen in the last few years, that of the middle class had risen even more, so that the gap has widened, Rubin said.

He blamed the Histadrut wage policy for this situation. Every measure introduced to benefit the poor was neutralized by the rise of the poverty ceiling — as a result of the Histadrut's encouragement of higher salaries for already highly-paid groups, he said.

Rubin also said that the erosion of children's allowances and of the minimum wage has contributed considerably to the "deepening of poverty" among large families. He asserted that the real value of children's allowances had begun to decline in 1975 and was arrested in 1981, but now had lost 21 per cent of their 1975 purchasing power.

Nevertheless, he said, the situation of low-income families as a whole had improved in the last five years in the areas of housing, education, income, and ownership of durable goods.

For example, he said, in 1981 only 1.4 per cent of households lived three or more persons to a room, compared to about 3 per cent in 1977.

Real wages rose by about 38 per cent in the period 1976-81, Rubin said. This had led to "an absolute improvement" in the standard of living, including that of the lowest deciles.

MKs lose tempers over politicization

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Coalition executive members lost their cool yesterday in the course of a row between the NRP's Yehuda Ben-Meir and Herut wing chairman Ronnie Milo.

The row began when Micha Reiser (Likud-Herut) asked permission to table a private member's bill specifying which categories of civil servants would be obliged to resign statutorily after a change of government.

Reiser commented at one point in his explanation that "the Foreign Ministry has many ambassadors and consuls abroad, dating back to the Labour regime, who are constitutionally and ideologically incapable of defending this government's policies."

(After his visit to Brazil, Reiser was one of the most acid critics of ambassador to Brasilia Shaul Ramati, a former associate of the late Moshe Dayan.)

Reiser's jab stung Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, a member of the coalition executive. He dismissed Reiser's allegations as "totally unfounded" and stressed that all Israel envoys did "excellent work in conditions of hardship and personal risk."

Warming up, Ben-Meir said: "My party objects to proposals like Reiser's, because they spell politicization of the civil service.

Here Milo roared out: "Who is the NRP, to talk about politicization in the civil service? Would you like me to count the skullcaps in the Interior and Education Ministries?"

Ben-Meir: "What's that about the Education Ministry? Who got the Likud into power if not Zevulun Hammer?"

Yigal Cohen (Likud-Herut): "You should rather say that Hammer has the Likud to thank, for granting him the education portfolio which the NRP did not have before."

Ben-Meir: "If the NRP got the portfolio it has it's because it educated a second generation of young leaders with more merit than other parties."

At this point the shouting grew so intense that several conflicting versions exist over what was said.

Ben-Meir seized the opportunity to reflect on the row which had developed and when things quieted down again he explained that he only meant that Herut's grounds for complaining about the Labour Party in the 1950s no longer obtained and so the situation with regard to civil servants' resignations after an election should not be altered by law.

Navon hits settlement priorities

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday said that he will do what he can to help change the "legitimate" government policy that discriminates against development of the Galilee and the Negev in favour of settling Judea and Samaria.

The president said this during a two-hour meeting in Beit Hanassi with about 30 mayors and heads of local councils who make up the Galilee Council.

Members of the delegation came to voice their opposition to the government's settlement policy, which, they said, took money away from their localities, and deprived them of adequate infrastructure. They said this discouraged developers and kept the population of the Galilee from growing. They remarked that they had complained also during the Labour government, when Yamit was being built, but nobody listened to them then.

Navon replied that he understood that when resources are limited as they are now, development of one region must come at the expense of another. He said that although settling of the administered areas was a legitimate government policy, it neglected development of the Negev and the Galilee, which should have been more important.

What was more important, he told his audience, was development of the infrastructure in the Galilee and the Negev to make it possible for those wishing to settle there to do so. He told the audience he believed that if a large group of *olim* or residents from central urban areas wished to make the Galilee their home they would be discouraged by the lack of adequate schools.

RAIN TO CONTINUE

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crops, but have been excellent for the country's water economy.

The duty weatherman predicted rain for today and tomorrow but said there will be a slight rise in temperatures and that the rains would be more scattered.

Meteorologist Uri Batz told *The Jerusalem Post* that this year is likely to be one of the coldest, wettest on record.

He said that the two wettest years during the past 30 years, 1951 and 1968, were not as cold as this year. The coldest year during the past 30 was 1953, but it was not exceptionally wet.

He said that the lowest average temperature in winter in Jerusalem during the last 30 years was six degrees centigrade but this January the average low has been two degrees centigrade.

Mordechai Yacobovitch, spokesman for Mekorot, said that the rains are good for Israel's water economy and that Lake Kinneret's water level has risen by 40 centimetres which is equivalent to about 64 million cubic metres of water, and that water is still flowing into the lake.

Most of the water reservoirs in the Golan Heights have become full and some of the water from these reservoirs is being pumped into Birkat Ram in the northern part of the Golan Heights.

Zvi Hermoni, head of the insurance fund for natural risks in agriculture told *The Jerusalem Post* that most of the branches in agriculture had suffered serious damage. He said that with only half of the season over, the fund already has to pay out IS500 million compensation.

The cold has also killed many St. Peter's fish in fish ponds. A new fish processing plant in Beit Shean will probably not open.

However, David Ariel, head of the cereal crops division at the agriculture ministry told *The Post* that he is pleased with the rains.

The heavy rains in Jerusalem have caused damage estimated at hunareds of thousands of shekels.

Apartments have been flooded and roads washed away.

Yesterday, nearly 90 trees were toppled by high winds. Many cars stalled in large puddles and were hauled to the side of the street by tow trucks. The road to the Mount of Olives via the Rockefeller Museum was closed to traffic because of the accumulated water in th. Kidron Valley.

Near Beersheba yesterday a car was blown off the main road into a flooded ditch. The driver was rescusd by the police.

From Haifa it is reported that a small Israeli freighter "Hehalutz" was refloated by three tugs yesterday afternoon hours after she ran aground outside the Kishon harbour here during Sunday night's storm. No one was hurt.

U.S. HINTS

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King's regret, predictable unless Israel moves out of Lebanon, would mean collapse of the administration's most imaginative foreign policy effort. That is why the president is ready to buck the political furies and sign the arms embargo papers drafted for him.

Special U.S. envoy Philip Habib was due back in Washington this week — as previously planned — to participate in Reagan's meeting on Thursday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The State Department spokesman also appeared to confirm a report in yesterday's *Washington Post* which said that a U.S. Marine corps rifleman in Lebanon "had an Israeli soldier in his sights and had to be ordered not to fire, in the closest call yet in the recent series of U.S.-Israeli military confrontations in Lebanon."

But Hughes suggested that the incident occurred on January 17, rather than last Friday, as reported in the newspaper. The U.S. has repeatedly urged Israel to avoid any contact with the U.S. soldiers in Lebanon.

Evans and Novak quoted one U.S. official as charging Israel with deliberately trying to provoke the U.S. with the contacts. "We think that was no accident," the unnamed official reportedly said. "It looked like a deliberate pattern of conduct to test American will and determination."

The State Department also warned Israel yesterday against interfering in the work of foreign correspondents in Lebanon. Hughes confirmed one such incident involving American journalists and Israeli soldiers on Sunday.

"Without going into the details of that incident," he said, "we note that our position on freedom of the press is clear. Any actions taken to interfere with legitimate news coverage would meet with our disapproval."

Hughes refused any comment on recent statements by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon that Israel would try to reach an agreement without the help of the U.S. if Washington continued to hamper the negotiations.

Regarding the stationing of U.S. and other multinational peacekeeping soldiers to replace Israeli forces monitoring early warning stations in Southern Lebanon, Hughes simply said the U.S. had not "initiated or raised" that proposal.

Road mishaps, deaths drop last year

Jerusalem Post Staff

Despite the increase in the number of vehicles on the roads during 1982, the number of traffic accidents and the number of fatalites decreased significantly compared with 1981, according to figures released by police yesterday.

But despite the decrease in the number of accidents, 12,736 in 1982 compared with 13,193 in 1981 a more modest decrease in the number of injuries, was recorded, with 18,461 casualties this year compared with 18,592 a year earlier. Fatalities totalled 386 in 1982 compared with 440 in 1981.

The major cause of accidents in 1982 was speeding, with 21.2 per cent of all accidents attributed to it. The second most common cause was error by pedestrians, responsible for 14.9 per cent of accidents.

The overall trend shows a dramatic decrease in the number of fatalities over the decade, with deaths this year totalling less than half (386) those in 1974 (724).

Meanwhile, Haifa mayor Arye Gurel said yesterday that the government's expenditure on road-safety does not amount even to 10 per cent of the money lost to the economy as a result of accidents.

Gurel, a former director-general of the Labour Ministry, was one of four mayors honoured in Jerusalem by Transport Minister Haim Corfu for their part in reducing the number of traffic accidents in their cities. The other three were Eli Dayan of Ashkelon, Tawfik Zayyad of Nazareth and Yosef Vanounu of Kiryat Malachi.

MED-DEAD

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of intensive discussions of the conclusions of the feasibility studies with a view towards their impending publication.

It was also decided recently that the profit to be made by the project would also include indirect benefits such as provision of water for cooling inland power plants to be built in the Negev during the next decade. Previously the calculations included only direct energy yields.

Moda'i said last weekend that the detailed planning on the hydroelectric plant would be delayed for several years until the situation in the world oil markets clears up, while work on the canal and tunnel would begin immediately. Ministry sources stressed yesterday that work on the two parts of the project would be timed to be completed together.

BEGIN SAYS

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it would be impossible to prevent terrorists infiltrating back into Southern Lebanon. The issue had been referred to one of the subcommittees, he said, since Israel did not reach agreement over it with U.S. envoy Philip Habib, either before or after his latest visit to Beirut.

Without American support on the issue of the early warning stations, Begin said, the matter would be much harder to settle.

With regard to the actual withdrawal, the premier said, Israel is proposing a two-stage pullback, while Lebanon wants the entire pullback in one phase.

Habib had said in the talks that he was "almost convinced that Syria is ready to withdraw from Lebanon." However, Begin said that the terrorists' position with regard to withdrawal is "quite unclear."

He said the IDF units around Beirut had received strict orders not to open fire on U.S. Marines. A special liaison office had been set up to settle differences with the U.S. troops, he said.

Israel had to demand that the PLO move out first, he said in reply to one Alignment suggestion, because otherwise it would be impossible to make sure they did not return to Lebanon.

He denied a charge by former chief of staff Mordechai Gur that Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan had "deceived the cabinet" with regard to the conduct of the war. (Gur had said: "Sharon and Eitan bit the hand that fed them!")

Begin told Gur: "You yourself suggested we attack the Syrians on the first day of the fighting. But the government wanted to avoid just that. We fought the Syrians only after they attacked us first."

He admitted, as Eitan had claimed in the committee earlier, that the instruction to the Israel Defence Forces did not mention any 40-45 kilometre line. The government decided to halt the advance at the 45km. line," Begin said.

TREASURY

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massive correction being experienced by the exchange was inspired by the country's big three banks, acting in concert.

They voiced the theory that the same banks would step in and "stem the tide." Others contended that if the selling wave intensified, then even the banks would not be able to hold back the tide.

Others suggested that the selling wave would shortly come to a halt. They pointed to the fact that only 20 securities were listed yesterday as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. On Sunday there were 40 such.

Rumours were also circulating to the effect that the Rieger-Fishman group — generally considered the dominant force on the exchange in 1982 — is in difficulty and may have problems repaying investors who present mutual fund units to them for redemption.

BEGIN VISIT

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contrast to some highly critical sentiments voiced about the U.S. role by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon at Sunday's cabinet meeting, and by other Israeli officials in private conversations.

At the cabinet, it seemed to some of those present, Sharon's sentiments were endorsed, at least passively, by Begin. Nor, these sources noted, did Shamir go out of his way to contradict them.

Shamir told the visiting Australians that the "main problem" in the negotiations was Arab world pressure upon Lebanon.

DRORI

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of the marines two weeks ago. The (marine) commander didn't turn up, because he received instructions not to meet with Israeli representatives."

Drori said the Israelis subsequently met unofficially with marine field commanders to try to sort out the problems. He said the Israelis explained their moves clearly, but later found out that the information was never passed down to the American sodliers.

Corfu statement on selling El Al shocks management

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al's management was shocked yesterday by reports that the government had decided to sell El Al, after it is back in the air again. Management sources said that Transport Minister Haim Corfu's reported statement to that effect to the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday would ruin El Al's marketing plans and shatter travel agents' faith in the airline.

"This will ruin us. No one will want to work with us now," a management source said.

But Transport Ministry spokesman Yehiel Amitai yesterday denied that Corfu had said the government intends selling El Al. He said Corfu told the committee that if the airline does not function properly, the temporary receiver will ask the court to put it up for sale.

El Al's works committee was taken by surprise by the reports of Corfu's statement and said its members would meet today to decide on their response. El Al pilots met last night to discuss this new development, but would not say what their reaction is.

"There are customers ready to buy El Al and the government will seriously consider selling the company after a running-in period," Corfu told the Knesset committee. He added that on February 15 the new charter flight regulations, which had been postponed because the airline was grounded, will come into effect.

He also said that the inter-ministerial committee on Sabbath work will determine the authority to be given El Al to transfer Sabbath flights to charter companies and subsidiaries. Meanwhile, at least for the short run, the government will have to bear the cost of grounding El Al on holidays and weekends, he said.

El Al managing director Rafael Harlev said that the severance pay given the 650 tenured El Al workers will total $25-30 million. The most senior ground workers to be dismissed will be paid at the rate of 230 per cent (2.3 months pay for every year) and the air crews at the rate of 130 per cent.

The four months during which El Al was grounded will be deducted from the workers' vacation time, Harlev added. He also said that the airline's recovery is conditional on the government's paying its past debts and financing the losses — estimated at $30m. — resulting from not flying on the Sabbath and holidays.

HALDE TALKS

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Kimche asserted to the Lebanese delegates that their country's troubles had begun in 1969, when Lebanon allowed itself "to be dictated to" by other Arab states and had agreed to the "Cairo Agreement" permitting the PLO to deploy in the South. This was a grievous blow to Lebanese sovereignty, he asserted.

Lebanon today should tell those Arab states which are once again pressuring it that this time it will not accept a *diktat*. If Lebanon surrenders to another *diktat*, Kimche said, its situation will be immeasurably worse than before.

When the Katyusha rocket landed nearby, the negotiators decided unanimously to proceed with the talks as a symbol of their determination to pursue peace in the face of forces seeking to disrupt their efforts.

After the declarative and sharply conflicting statements, the negotiators broke into three subcommittees — on mutual relations, withdrawal and security, and possible guarantees. Here, according to an Israeli spokesman, the atmosphere was "businesslike."

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The Family

JERUSALEM POST POLL

52% of public say they're unhappy with the government

By MARK SEGAL, Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — There has been a marked decline in public esteem for the government's general performance over the past six months. The sense of general disquiet could be linked to a fall in evaluation of living standards.

This emerged from the latest *Jerusalem Post* public opinion poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute at the end of December and in the first week of January. The poll was carried out among a representative sample of 1,929 adults. Institute director Sara Shemer, in comparing the feelings elicited with the more moderate decline in voting support for the Likud and its allies over the same period, emphasized the time-lag between the two trends.

Responses to another question in the poll indicated that 2/5th of the public were willing to suffer a large cut in living standards in order to reduce dependence on American aid. A further third were amenable to a moderate cut, with one-fifth totally unwilling to consider such a prospect.

Q. What is your opinion of the way the government is handling the country's problems?

	Jan. '83	Oct. '82	Sept. '82	Aug. '82
Very good	10.6	9.9	18.2	21.4
Good	33.8	35.8	38.4	44.6
[Total good]:	44.4	45.7	56.6	66.0
Bad	31.3	32.2	28.7	21.6
Very bad	20.7	17.0	11.5	9.6
[Total bad]:	52.0	49.2	40.2	31.2
Undecided	3.6	5.1	3.2	2.8

Shemer compared the decline in public esteem of the government's performance over the period (from 66 per cent to 44 per cent) with lesser slump in the Likud's support (from 66 mandates to 57 seats, as reported in *The Post* on January 14). She put down the difference to a time-lag between what she called the cognitive evaluation factor to its behavioural expression, i.e., electoral support or non-support.

Q. How does your present living standard compare to last year's?

	Jan. '83	May '82
Steep rise	6.6	9.4
Slight rise	21.2	26.3
[Total rise]:	27.8	35.7
Unchanged	51.6	44.8
Slight drop	12.5	11.4
Steep drop	5.4	6.3
[Total drop]:	17.9	17.7
Undecided	2.7	1.8

Shemer noted that the majority of the public held that its living standards have remained unchanged during the past year. However the percentage of those speaking of having improved their lot has declined since the last poll was taken nine months ago.

Q. Are you ready for cuts in living standards so as to reduce our dependency on American aid?

	All respondents	Pro-Likud	Pro-Labour
Ready for big cuts	40.8	35.1	42.9
Ready for small cuts	33.3	35.0	31.3
Not ready for any cuts	21.7	27.2	21.2
Undecided	4.2	2.7	4.6

Shemer found that the majority was for cuts in living standards in various degrees to reduce dependency on U.S. aid. Yet a sizeable fifth was not willing to contemplate such a prospect. She highlighted the fact that more Labour supporters were willing to sacrifice their living standards than those of the Likud for this aim. She posed the question whether Labour voters, in replying this way, were more motivated by hostility towards government policy or their capacity to cope with a reduced living standard.



Uri Shaham (centre) holds his son Eran's hand in the rehabilitation department of Hadassah hospital, Mt. Scopus. With them is Dr. Elena Wolf of the department. Eran's life was saved by the respirator to which he is attached and which was brought from England. (Isaac Harari)

English respirator saves life of young kibbutz man

A young man whose life was saved by a special respirator apparatus flown in from abroad is due to go home today.

Eran Shaham, 21, of Nahshonim, a kibbutz near Lod, was brought to Hadassah hospital on Mt. Scopus two months ago suffering from respiratory complications of muscular dystrophy, a disease he has had since he was 12. A plastic pipe was inserted into his lungs through the nose to enable him to breathe.

But Dr. Elena Wolf, of the rehabilitation department at Mt. Scopus, told reporters yesterday that the nasal pipe can cause fever and infection and cannot be used for more than three weeks. She added that surgery was also not suitable in Eran's case.

The only answer was an air jacket, manufactured in England, which produces negative pressure on the patient's chest, allowing him to breathe. The Ministry of Health donated $8,000 for the purchase of the machine, which arrived when Eran had been 18 days with the nasal pipe inserted and was in critical condition.

Back in Eran's room in the kibbutz, the respirator is to function with its own generator. Two members of the kibbutz will attend Eran 16 hours daily, to free his parents for other tasks on the settlement. Eran will soon complete preparations for *bagrut* (matriculation exam), and intends to study computer science.

Freij urges Palestinians, Jordan to join peace talks

CAIRO (AP). — Bethlehem mayor Elias Freij yesterday urged the Arabs to emulate Egypt's example in making peace with Israel, and expressed readiness to participate in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in broadened peace talks with the Jewish state.

Freij spoke on his arrival of a two-week visit, his first to Egypt, at the invitation of Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

"I believe that the Egyptian policy which confronted Israel with the challenge of peace in 1977 has borne fruit with the liberation of Sinai," Freij told reporters at Cairo airport.

"The Arabs now are called upon to move in the same way, particularly the Palestinians and the Jordanians, to end the current stagnation," Freij added. "Without negotiations, there can be no movement and no change in the condition from which our (Palestinian) people are suffering under occupation."

Asked whether he would be prepared to participate in a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in broadened peace talks, Freij replied: "the matter has not been put to me officially, but if it is, my answer will be yes."

Freij is scheduled to meet Ali today. He is expected to be received by President Hosni Mubarak before the Egyptian leader departs for Washington tomorrow.

Freij, who is accompanied by his wife, said he planned to brief Egyptian leaders on "political conditions and the plight of the (Palestinian) population in the occupied territories."

Court orders work stopped on Shiff's hotel-into-offices

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipality yesterday obtained a court order halting construction work on the high-rise building above the Shekem building on Ibn Gvirol.

The municipal court had previously issued an interim injunction stopping work on the building, owned by hotelier Haim Shiff because the city charged Shiff with violating his building contract.

According to the contract, Shiff was to pay the city $400,000 or buy a lot near the building and turn it over to the city, as compensation for building violations. The violations resulted from Shiff's changing the building's designation from an hotel to an office building. The regional urban planning commission decided that Shiff could change the building's designation, but on condition that he compensate the city.

Now the city claims that since Shiff did not fulfil these terms, his permit to build offices is invalid, and he is only allowed to build a hotel above the Shekem.

Shiff urged the court to reject the city's request to stop construction on the building because, he said, it was made for political reasons. He claimed that Mayor Shlomo Lahat wanted the construction stopped to prove that he upholds the law in north Tel Aviv just as he did in Kfar Shalem in south Tel Aviv.

But municipal court Judge Ze'ev Hammer yesterday accepted the city's claim.

One into two doesn't go

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of non-Jewish volunteers from the West at a Jordan Valley moshav held a one-day strike yesterday against attempts to lodge a single person in the same flat with an engaged couple.

The bid at the beginning of this month to revive a tradition which died out in the kibbutzim over 40 years ago, led to yesterday's token strike at the Betar moshav of Neti-Hagedud, when an objecting couple was expelled.

The expulsion took place against the ruling of Moshav Movement secretary-general Mordechai Ozilevsky, after the moshav secretariat rejected Ozilevsky's arbitration decision that the couple could not be expelled for refusing to accept a "primus" (as the single-sleeping-with-a-couple was called in the pre-State period).

The reluctant couple, Alison B. of Inverness, and Jack S. of Hinckley, Leicestershire, said they had been willing to accept an extra sleeper for one night if there were no alternative, but no more. The moshav secretariat argued that a badly-needed group of additional volunteers was due to arrive, but could not be absorbed, if the existing volunteers did not agree to bunch up. Alison and Jack, who met on the moshav, are due to be married in a few weeks, and were due to return to Britain next month in any event. On their expulsion, they decided to fly home today.

The other 23 volunteers at Netiv Hagedud, who backed the reluctant couple's objections to the full voted unanimously for yesterday's one-day token strike to try to forestall recurrences. A spokesman of the 23 said that although accommodation at Netiv Hagedud was uncomfortable, the group was generally satisfied with the exception of the "primus" bid, which had caused quite a trauma, as he put it.

Galilee man held in murder of two boys

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — A 19-year-old man from Ibillin village in western Galilee was remanded in custody yesterday on suspicion of murdering two boys from nearby Tamra village.

The suspect is Jamal Muhammed Sheikh Ahmad, 19. A spokesman for the Galilee subdistrict police said he was arrested a few hours after the discovery on Sunday of the bodies of Ziyad Abu Hija and Muhammed Rashid A'yshiya, both 15, in a hut south of Tamra. The police claim the suspect reconstructed the murder after admitting to having carried it out.

Large numbers of police yesterday kept order at the boys' funerals. Police were also guarding the suspect's house to prevent revenge being taken against his family.

Arab dignitaries have set up a sulha committee headed by Sheikh Salieh Khnifas, former MK from Shfaram, to arrange a reconciliation of the three families.

Hapoel Ramat Gan hope for key win

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hapoel Ramat Gan confidently embark on the quest for their first victory in the quarter-final of the European Cupwinners' Cup basketball championship when they host the Spanish club Barcelona at Yad Eliyahu stadium here this evening. The result will have an important bearing on who qualifies for the semi-finals.

Barcelona won the first encounter between them in Spain last month by only nine points, so Ramat Gan are having a fair chance.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, meanwhile, have a tough struggle on Thursday night when they play Olympia (Billy) Milano in a Champions Cup match. The Milan club is top of the Italian league.

Shamir to visit 3 European countries

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to visit three European countries next month in what ministry officials term a new Israel initiative to improve relations with that continent.

Shamir will be in Germany from February sixth to ninth, and from there will go on to Belgium and Luxembourg. While in Brussels he will meet with NATO Secretary-General Josef Luns.

A group of Foreign Ministry officials is to fly to London soon for political talks there with British officials. This is said to signal a thaw in the cool relations between Britain and Israel since the Lebanon war.

Curfew imposed to repair Nablus gates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces imposed a curfew in the old market (casbah) in Nablus for several hours yesterday to enable the restoration of gates torn down during a demonstration in the town on Saturday.

The gates were built to prevent gangs of youths from darting out of the warren-like alleys of the casbah to stone IDF patrols.

Thirteen MKs request retrial for Baranes

Post Knesset Correspondent

Thirteen MKs sent a letter yesterday to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, requesting a retrial for Amos Baranes, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Rahel Heller.

The 13, who are all lawyers, said the conviction should be re-examined in the light of "doubts and question marks, new facts and evidence."

Syrian soldiers wave sex mags, play flutes

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Syrian soldiers in positions opposite IDF troops near the village of Yanta on the eastern front in Lebanon have recently started to display various sex magazines, including *Playboy*, across the 150 metres separating the two armies.

They are said to dance around their outposts holding the magazines up with one hand and playing the flute with the other. Sometimes they shout *Shalom* and sometimes they curse.

Meanwhile, IDF soldiers in the area continue to report seeing the bodies of Syrians dead of frostbite being taken away.

3 hurt in explosion in Kiryat Malachi

KIRYAT MALACHI (Itim). — Three persons were injured, one seriously, when an explosive blew up inside a lorry here at about 9:15 a.m. yesterday. Police believe it may have been a terrorist operation. They closed off the area and began searching for clues.

The names of the victims have not yet been released for publication.

Aged Jerusalem couple found overcome by gas

An elderly couple in a flooded apartment in Jerusalem attempted to commit suicide by gas, a municipal spokesman said yesterday.

He said the couple, from the old Sanhedria quarter, had taken this desperate step because the landlord of their key money flat has for years allegedly refused to make the repairs necessary to stop the annual recurrence of flooding.

Neighbours reported the smell of gas and reported to police. The municipality moved the couple to a hotel for several days. "We're talking to the landlord about getting the repairs done," the spokesman said.

President gets new military aide

Emanuel Gluska has been appointed to succeed Aluf-Mishne (res.) Yisrael Yarkoni as military aide to President Yitzhak Navon. He was formerly the president's personal secretary and spokesman. Gluska, a reserve sgan-aluf (lieutenant-colonel), will be promoted to aluf-mishne (colonel), the same rank Yarkoni held. (Itim)

Unique ancient battering ram 'authentic'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — The authenticity of the first three-bladed battering ram ever found — a tactical innovation which changed the course of naval warfare some 2,600 years ago — has been established without a doubt, Dr. Elisha Linder, Chairman of the Centre for Maritime Studies of the University of Haifa, said here yesterday. It weighs 450 kilograms and is 2.25 metres long and 83 centimetres wide.

The bronze ram was found off the coast of Atlit in fairly shallow water three years ago by the late Yehoshua Ramon, a research student at the university's department of the History of Maritime Civilizations.

Only the tip of the ram was visible, and it was brought ashore only after immense efforts.

In addition, several pieces of wood and one huge pole, which weighed together 150 kilograms were inserted in the ram which is hollow.

Both the bronze and the wood were so well preserved that it was impossible to separate them due to the close fit and the method of holding the ram and wood together.

The "archeological prize," which caused a world-wide sensation in scientific circles, was therefore taken to the Nahal Sorek Nuclear Research Centre near here. It was subjected to intense radiation "to get a peek inside" and metal rods, which held the wood fast to the ram, were discovered. The wood has not yet been separated from the ram.

Carbon-14 dating at the Weizmann Institute of Science in the Rehovot show the ram was made during 4th century B.C.E. The composition of the bronze (90 per cent copper and 10 per cent tin, with a minute quantity of iron and other impurities) was fixed at the Haifa Technion.

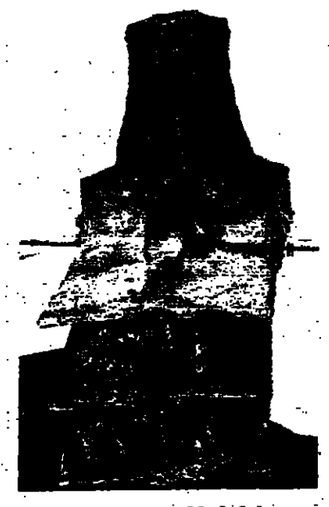
According to present knowledge, the ram could have been cast in Atlit, or anywhere nearby because "methods of hollow bronze casting of this type were well-known throughout the entire Mediterranean basin 2,400 years ago," Linder said.

Although this is the first three-bladed ram ever found, descriptions of it abound in ancient documents.

But the probability that it was not "Made in Israel" is great, since the centre piece of wood is silver fir which grows only in Turkey, Greece and Italy.

Four symbols in relief on the ram point to Greek origin. They are: a trident composed of three dagger blades and a decorated hilt; a helmet inside a wreath of leaves, surmounted by a seven-pointed star, representing Castor and Pollux, the heavenly twins, or sons of Zeus; an ornate eagle's head; and a caduceus or herald's wand.

This type of ram was used to open a huge hole in the side of an enemy ship.



This unique three-bladed battering ram was cast sometime in the 4th century BCE.

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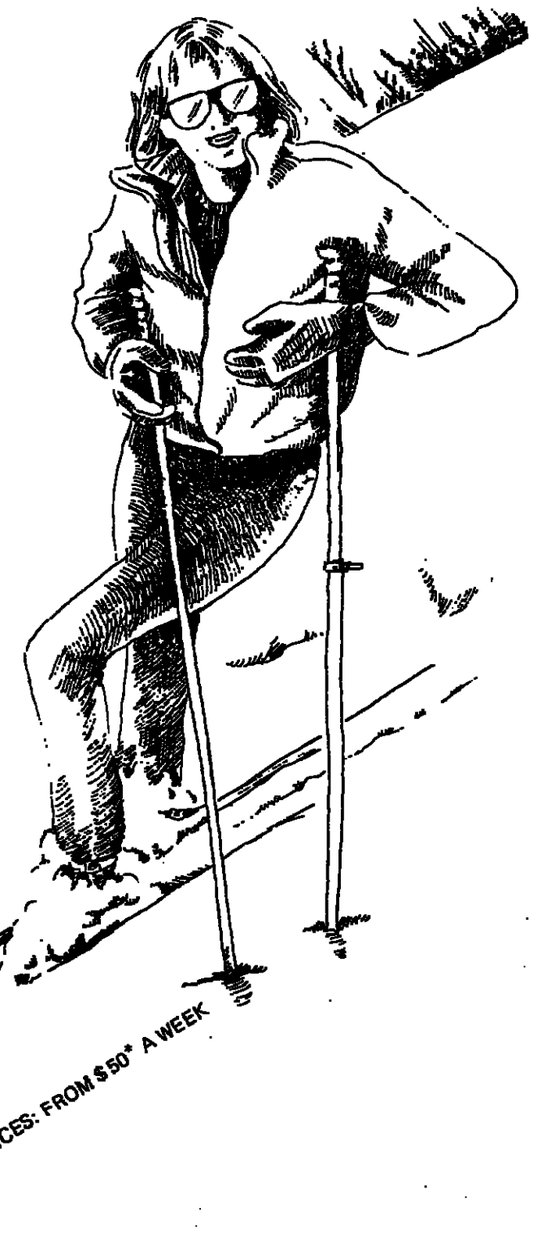
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Solidarity activists get 'light' jail terms

WARSAW. (AP). — A military court sentenced 18 former activists of the outlawed Solidarity labour movement to relatively light prison terms ranging from five months to one year because of continued labour activity, the official Polish news agency Pap reported on Sunday.

The defendants, tried in the southern Polish city of Opole, were convicted of "producing and distributing leaflets containing false information likely to foment social disquiet and unrest," after the declaration of martial law in December 1981, Pap said.

A nineteenth defendant was acquitted, it said.

The sentences were lighter than the stiff prison terms of up to 10 years meted out to hundreds of Solidarity activists last year.

Meanwhile, a military court here yesterday began hearing the government case against 10 people charged with violating martial law decrees by operating the underground "Radio Solidarity," the Polish Communist party newspaper *Tribuna Ludu* reported.

Zbigniew Romaszewski, a Warsaw regional officer in Solidarity, and nine associates are charged with "continuing union activities after the declaration of martial law," which carries a maximum 10-year sentence.

The clandestine station caused a sensation with its first broadcast last Easter, April 12, 1982, an 8½ minute programme heard in central Warsaw four months after Solidarity was suspended.

Cosmos part drops into Indian Ocean

MOSCOW (AP). — The official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday that the main section of the Cosmos 1402 nuclear satellite plunged into the earth's atmosphere and burned up over the "central area of the Indian Ocean" early in the morning.

"The other fragment of the satellite, the fuel core of the power plant's reactor, is forecast to enter the dense layers of the atmosphere on February 3-8, 1983, and to burn up," the agency said.

Meanwhile, in Washington, officials announced that U.S. ships and planes with radiation detection gear are looking for signs of the Soviet spy satellite. But an alert by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is over, called off 49 minutes after the main body of the out-of-control satellite hurtled into the earth's atmosphere.

Emergency teams ready to fly to the scene of impact were disbanded.

Richard Wagner, a top Pentagon nuclear expert, said any radiation from metal fragments surviving the burn-out of the satellite would remain in the immediate area where they landed.

30 killed in bus ambush on Ugandan road

KAMPALA (Reuter). — More than 30 people were killed and 14 wounded when armed men, believed to be anti-government terrorists, opened fire on a passenger bus at the weekend, some 42 kilometres north of Kampala, the Ugandan capital, the newspaper *Uganda Post* said yesterday.

The attack took place on a main road leading to the provincial town of Goulou, the newspaper said.

Two weeks ago, another bus was ambushed and seven passengers killed on the same road. In that incident, troops travelling on the bus drove off the attackers, killing several men.

U.S. briefs Bonn on missile parley

BONN (Reuter). — The chief U.S. negotiator at American-Soviet talks on medium-range nuclear missiles briefed the Bonn government yesterday amid signs of disarray on the issue in West Germany's ruling coalition.

Paul Nitze, who resumes the talks in Geneva on Thursday, briefed Defence Minister Manfred Woerner and disarmament experts on the state of the negotiations and was due to meet Conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl later yesterday.

NATO's plans to deploy new U.S. medium-range missiles in western Europe later this year have become a central theme in the heated campaign for a West German general election on March 6.

Nitze said on Friday he had been instructed to stick to President Reagan's goal of a "zero option" whereby NATO would cancel its deployment plans only if Moscow scrapped all its SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 medium-range missiles.

Kohl has firmly endorsed this policy, but his chief right-wing ally, Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss, described the zero option at the weekend as nonsensical and unattainable.

Sadat nephew jailed

ALEXANDRIA (AP). — The Alexandria traffic court has sentenced Abdel-Hakim Esmat Sadat, nephew of the late President Anwar Sadat, to a one-month prison term for seriously violating traffic rules.

Abdel-Hakim, son of Sadat's half-brother Esmat, was tried for exceeding the speed limit of 90 kilometres an hour and driving without a valid licence on the Alexandria-Cairo road.

Abdel-Hakim along with his father Esmat and nine other children and in-laws are being tried by the Cairo ethics court on charges of corruption and influence peddling during the 11-year rule of Anwar Sadat.

Bombay pavement dwellers offered hope

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — The Indian Supreme Court has given hope to more than 200,000 people living on the pavements of Bombay who were threatened with eviction.

The court this week banned the demolition of the makeshift shelters of the pavement dwellers until the government drew up a scheme to house them on vacant public land.

The Maharashtra state government decided last year to evict the pavement dwellers, but two of them, in association with a journalist, filed a petition in the high court to block the move.

Pavement dwellers are part of the landscape of Bombay, the throbbing metropolis on India's western coast. They live under tarpaulins and polythene sheets amid the high-rise apartments and large homes of the city's many affluent residents.

Lawyers submitted a survey to the court which showed that the majority of pavement dwellers were employed and most of the rest were dependants of those with jobs. Many of them had lived on the pavements for five to 20 years.

The average income of a pavement dweller was about a dollar a day, it said. They were usually employed on a daily basis as casual workers or as hawkers.

The state government said it wanted to evict the pavement dwellers because they did not have sanitary facilities and therefore created a serious health hazard for others.

It also said they indulged in undesirable and unsocial activities such as prostitution, trading in illegal liquor and obstructing traffic.

But lawyers for the pavement dwellers countered these arguments by producing the employment cards of several pavement dwellers showing that they were engaged in respectable jobs. They also said they did not obstruct traffic in any way and were not a public nuisance.

As a result, the court ordered the Maharashtra government to produce a list of vacant plots which could be conveniently used to house people now living on the pavements.

Malta's Mintoff gets damages from UK newspaper

LONDON (AP). — Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, accepted undisclosed damages in the London high court yesterday from News Group newspapers over allegations that he planned to bulldoze three cemeteries where thousands of British war dead are buried.

Mintoff had alleged he was libelled in a May 1981 editorial published in the tabloid *Sun* newspaper, owned by News Group newspapers, under the headline "The folly of desperate Dom."

The article claimed Mintoff planned to shift the servicemen's remains to a mass grave.

Mintoff's lawyer, told the court that discussions had been going on for some years with the British government to remove the remains, but there had never been a threat to use a "mass grave."

The newspaper group agreed to pay damages which fully reflected the gravity of the libel and also to pay Mintoff's legal costs.

32 Red Brigades terrorists get life for Moro slaying

ROME. — A Rome court yesterday sentenced 32 Red Brigades leftist terrorists to life imprisonment for the 1978 kidnap and murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro and other crimes.

The sentence was read out by Assize Court President Severino Santiapichi at the end of a 10-month mass trial held in a gymnasium converted into a fortress.

The judgment came close to five years after Moro was seized near his home on March 16, 1978. The bullet-riddled body of the Christian Democrat leader was found almost two months later in the boot of a car.

A total of 63 Red Brigades defendants stood trial. Twenty-three of them were accused of kidnapping and murdering Moro, and killing his five bodyguards. The other 40 were charged with 17 murders, 11 attempted murders and four kidnappings.

Four were found innocent for lack of proof. The other 27 were found guilty and sentenced to terms ranging from four months to 30 years.

In general, the sentences were slightly more lenient than the prosecution had requested, especially for the "penitenti," the repentant terrorists who cooperated with the police. (Reuter, AP)

Revolutionary songs, urine kept miners alive

PEKING (Reuter). — Two Chinese coal miners trapped below ground for 23 days stayed alive by drinking their own urine and singing revolutionary songs, the *Workers' Daily* said yesterday.

The newspaper said rescue teams spent three weeks working around the clock to dig out the two men after a mine shaft collapsed in the northeastern province of Shandong.

When the rescuers reached the men, one was nearly unconscious.

The miners, Li Jiwang, 29, and Guo Jihui, 30, later told reporters they survived by drinking their urine after their water supplies ran out. They sang revolutionary songs and told stories to help keep up morale, they said.

Young Indonesian girls exported to old men

JAKARTA (AP). — A slave ring run by a travel agency was selling young Indonesian girls to retired men in Singapore and Taiwan because the men could not find wives, the daily *Pelita* newspaper reported yesterday.

The girls were smuggled out of Indonesia to Taiwan and Singapore with the help of a travel agency in the West Kalimantan capital of Pontianak, the *Pelita* said.

A police spokesman confirmed the report and said they were investigating the case and could not divulge further details.

The newspaper report said the network was uncovered by Indonesian intelligence after catching the ring attempting to fly a group of girls to Taiwan recently.

Prince Andrew and Koo plan overseas date

LONDON (AP). — Prince Andrew and his actress girl-friend Koo Stark are planning another overseas reunion — this time in Florida, the *Sun* newspaper reported yesterday.

The mass-circulation tabloid said Andrew and Koo "are set for a romantic five days together" when the prince "pays a courtesy call" at Mayport, Florida, next month during a 12-week overseas tour of duty with his naval squadron on board the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible.

Koo, 26, and Andrew made headlines across the world last October when they spent an eight-day Caribbean vacation together and it was revealed that Koo had once starred in soft porn films.

The *Sun* said Koo would be visiting her mother "nearby" at the same time the squadron reaches Florida.

Murder musical a smash hit in Cairo

CAIRO (AFP). — A musical comedy with a melodramatic air about two women who murdered more than 30 women in the 1920s is now a smash hit on the Egyptian stage. Called *Raya and Sakina*, the play was written by Bahgat Quamar.

Egyptian newspapers report that Arabs are flying to Cairo from the Gulf states and London to see the show. Tickets for the best seats in the house are going for a record $17. But the theatre is packed and tickets must be booked at least 10 days in advance.

Raya and Sakina were two sisters from Upper Egypt whose victims were wealthy women spotted while shopping in one of Alexandria's largest markets. The victims were lured to the sisters' apartment to inspect fine fabrics. There they were strangled and buried in the basement, but only after they were invited to spend an evening dancing, drinking and smoking hashish with "wealthy gentlemen."

AFGHANISTAN. — A Soviet official said yesterday that indirect contacts under way between Afghanistan and Pakistan could lead to a political solution.

ACCORDS. — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi left Rumania yesterday after signing accords on friendship and scientific cooperation with President Nicolae Ceaucescu.

Sports

Dolphin radar impedes Jet attack

MIAMI (AP). — The Miami Dolphins blanked the New York Jets 14-0 in a rain-soaked American Football Conference championship game, earning the right to play the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XVII.

The Super Bowl will be held in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, next Sunday Jan. 30 — the latest date the championship has ever been played due to the 57-day strike by football players earlier this season.

In the Dolphins' win on Sunday, linebacker A.J. Duhe intercepted three passes from New York quarterback Richard Todd. One interception set up Woody Bennett's 7-yard scoring run in the third quarter, after the other, Duhe sprinted 35 yards for a fourth-period touchdown. The shutout was just the third in an AFC or American Football League title game. It also was the Jets' third loss to Miami this season.

The victory put Miami into their first title game since they beat Minnesota 24-7 in Super Bowl VIII. The Dolphins and Redskins have met once before in the final — in Super Bowl VII — when Miami won 14-7. The Redskins had made it to Super Bowl XVII by defeating the Dallas Cowboys 31-17 on Saturday.

Lendl stakes claim as new No. 1

NEW YORK (AP). — Ivan Lendl's merciless 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win on Sunday night over John McEnroe to capture the $400,000 Masters tournament took the title-hungry Czech a giant step closer to the world's No. 1 tennis ranking. The Grand Prix finale boosted the young Czech's official earnings for the past year to a record $2m. McEnroe had to be content with pocketing $60,000 in his losing bid to re-capture the tournament he last won in 1979.

The victory seemed assured right from the outset as Lendl jumped into a break off McEnroe's opening service game. He has increased his domination over the feisty New Yorker to seven straight in official tournaments. It also marked Lendl's 59th consecutive indoor victory. His last loss on carpet was back in April 1981 to countryman Tomas Smid.

Lendl's triumph capped an awesome three-day performance during which he overpowered Yannick Noah of France and Jimmy Connors, both in straight sets. As before, his service was the key. "I'm tossing the ball higher and I'm serving harder," Lendl said. "I'm also returning his serve better than two or three years ago."

McEnroe later teamed with Peter Fleming to capture the doubles for the fifth straight year, downing fellow Americans Sherwood Stewart and Ferdi Taygan 7-5, 6-3.

Swiss soccer team beats Israel squad

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

EILAT. — Servette of Geneva, top of the Swiss First Division, beat Israel's Olympic soccer team 1-0 through a first half penalty before a 3,000 crowd here yesterday afternoon.

The strong visitors, fielding one Belgian and four Swiss internationals provided a tough test for the Israeli squad which comprised players who did not play for the National team in the World Cup qualifiers. Israel fared well in the first half with David Pizanti outstanding in both defence and attack and goalkeeper Arye Alter making a string of sterling saves.

The winning goal was netted by Lucien Favre after Israel's Sergio Caubel had brought down a Swiss forward. Shabtai Levi missed a grand chance to level things midway through the second half but having rounded the Swiss keeper he shot wildly. Bergineir in the Servette goal also made a flying save from a Parcelani shot late in the game to deny Israel the equalizer.

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ASSETS	
Cash and Due from Banks	$2,278,293,000
U.S. Gov't., States, Municipal & Other Securities	64,278,000
Federal Funds Sold	128,000,000
Loans	545,821,000
Less: General Reserve for Possible Loan Losses	4,251,000
Loans, Net	541,570,000
Bank Premises & Equipment	8,004,000
Customers' Liability Under Acceptances	9,027,000
Other Assets	49,610,000
Total Assets	$3,078,782,000
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
Domestic Offices	$ 927,819,000
Foreign Offices	1,908,083,000
Total Deposits	2,835,902,000
Acceptances Outstanding	9,032,000
Other Liabilities	82,998,000
Total	2,927,932,000
Subordinated Capital Note	20,000,000
Convertible Subordinated Capital Note	20,000,000
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Common Stock	64,191,000
Surplus	15,370,000
Undivided Profits	31,289,000
Total Shareholders' Equity	110,850,000
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	$3,078,782,000

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The undersigned was appointed as Administrator of the Estate of the said JOSE RABINOVICH pursuant to an order of the Tel Aviv District Court on January 4, 1983. In accordance with Section 99 of the Succession Law 1965 I hereby notify creditors, if any, of the abovementioned deceased to inform me of their claims by registered mail, within 3 months of the publication of this notice.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 Judaism 7-9 8.40 English 5 9.00 English 8 9.25 The History of Eretz Yisrael 10.10 English 6 10.25 Math/Geometry 5 10.40 English 7 11.00 Math 4 11.20 English 9 11.40 Advice and Guidance 7-9 12.05 Science 7-8 12.30 English 10 13.00 History 13.30 Music 15.00 Ma Pitom: Geography (repeats) 16.00 Documentary 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Marzipar — cartoons
18.00 Faster, Higher, Stronger — sports magazine

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Youth Magazine
19.00 Documentary
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.03 That's Hollywood — series about the movie industry: Ghosts and Ghoulies
20.30 Kolbotek — weekly consumer magazine
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Trapper John M.D. Comedy-drama series about a doctor's life in the emergency ward of a hospital. Starring Pernell Roberts, Gregory Harrison and Mary McCarty: Deadly Exposure
22.15 A Voyage Round my Father — drama about the relationship between father and son at different times of their lives. Starring Laurence Olivier and Alan Bates
23.35 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (JTV 3 Heidi 18.45 Target) 19.00 News in French (JTV 3) Candid Camera 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Movie of the Week 22.00 News in English 22.15 Dallas

ON THE AIR

First Programme

6.11 Musical Clock
7.00 This Morning — news magazine followed by Morning Melodies
8.05 Mozart: Symphony No.38, K.504 (Nippon, Gendron); Schumann: Piano Concerto (Samson Francois, Charles Munch); Rossini-Respighi; Rossinians (Ansermet); Borodin: Excerpts from Prince Igor
10.05 Haydn: Symphony No.87; Brahms: Violin Sonata No.1, Op.78 (Isaac Stern, Alexander Zakin)
11.00 Sephardi Traditions
11.15 Elementary School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for All
12.05 Mozart: Oboe Concerto, K.314 (Maurice Bourgue, Noam Sheriff); Schubert: Symphony No. 5 (Israel Chamber Orchestra)
13.00 Verdi: I Lombardi, excerpts (Lamberti Gardelli)
14.10 Children's programmes
15.25 Education for All
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Music Quiz (repeat)
16.40 From the Record Library
17.35 Programmes for Olim
20.05 Everyman's University
20.35 The Radio Music Club — with Uri Shoham, flute; Rafi Frenkel, violin; Robert Moses, viola; Yoram Alperin, cello — Flute Quartets by Telemann and Mozart: Trio by Roussell; Serenade by P. Ben-Haim: Excerpts from Orfeo by Gluck; Piano Pieces by Arieh Vardi
23.00 Shmuel Almog's talk show
00.10 Music from the Renaissance and the Baroque periods

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts
6.35 Editorial Review
6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor
10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Matters of Interest — introduced by Gubi Gazit
16.10 Health and Medicine Magazine
17.10 Magazine
17.25 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine
18.05 Spotlight — social and state affairs magazine
18.47 Bible Reading — Proverbs 25:1-13
19.00 Today — people and events in the news
20.05 Together with...
21.10 Cantorial Music
22.05 The Welfare State (repeat)
23.05 Two by Two — family counselling

Army

6.06 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Zvi Ben Avraham lectures on Oceanography
7.07 "707" — with Alex Ansky
8.05 IDF Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now — with Yitzhak Ben-Ner
11.05 Musical Requests — with Shira Gera
12.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yisraeli
13.05 One and to the Point — midday magazine
14.05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, interviews and reviews
16.05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew songs
17.05 IDF Evening Newsreel
18.05 Social Affairs Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.05 Rock Plus
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Classical Night Birds — with Ram Evron
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Eli Yisraeli

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TUE. Mainstream — information and consumer magazine
WED. Forum — discussion
THUR. Studio Three — arts in Israel
FRI. Thank Goodness It's Friday — Sabbath eve programme
SAT. Weekend — people and events in the news
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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Dashing Ahead; **Edison:** E.T. 4, 6.45, 9; **Hahirah:** The Professionals 4, 6.30, 9; **Kfir:** Good Luck; **Mitchell:** Les Miserables 6.45, 9; **Orgil:** A Policewoman Called Louis; **Orion:** A Man With the Deadly Lens 4, 6.45, 9; **Oma:** S.O.B.; **Ron:** A Clockwork Orange 4, 6.30, 9; **Semadar:** Reds 8; **Binyenei Ha'uma:** Tempest 6.30, 9; **Israel Museum:** An Unmarried Woman 6, 8.30; **Cinema One:** Space Rock 7; The Graduate 9; **Cinematheque:** Wizard of Oz 4; Seven Samurai 7

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: Return of the Soldier; **Ben-Yehuda:** Poltergeist 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Cheo 1:** E.T. 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Cheo 2:** Missing 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Cheo 3:** Ragtime 6.20, 9.15; **Cheo 4:** Bedknobs and Broomsticks. 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Beau Geste 10.30 a.m., 1.30; **Cheo 5:** Last Days of Love 4.15, 7, 9.35; Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands 10.30 a.m., 1.30; **Cinema One:** Endless Love; **Cinema Two:** closed; **Dekel:** Still of the Night 7.15, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Le Cadeau 9.30; Sex film, 12.15 midnight; **Esther:** Looker; **Gat:** Victor Victoria 4.15, 6.50, 9.30; **Gordon:** Tempest 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Hod:** Mother Lode; **Lev 1:** Night of San Lorenzo 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Lev 2:** Hamsin 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Limor:** Cat People 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Maxim:** Don't Give a Damn About Officers; **Mograbi:** Deer Hunter; **Orly:** A Little Sex; **Paris:** She Dances Alone 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Long Way Home; **Shahaf:** Private Popsicle 4.30, 7.15, 9.15; **Studio:** Just You and Me Kid; **Tchelet:** From Mao to Mozart; **Tel Aviv:** Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Tel Aviv Museum:** In for Treatment; **Zafon:** King of Comedy; **Institute Francais:** La Fille Prodigue 7.30

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amzal: Hamsin 6.45, 9; **Amphitheatre:** Silent Rage 6, 9; **Armon:** E.T.; **Atzmon:** A Policewoman Called Louis 4, 6, 9; **Chen:** La Passante de Sans Souci; **Galor:** Atlantic City U.S.A. 10, 2, 6; Squeeze 12, 4, 8; **Keren Or:** Nos at Seventeen; **Mavlah:** All That Jazz 6.45, 9; **Orah:** King of Comedy; **Ordon:** Love in the Rain 10, 2, 4, 9; **Orly:** Victor Victoria 6.45, 9; **Peer:** Ragtime 6, 9; **Ron:** Lemon Popsicle 4 at 4, 6.30, 9; **Shavit:** Long Way Home.

RAMAT GAN
Arnon: Grease II, 4, 6, 9; **Lily:** Return of the Soldier 7.15, 9.30; **Oasis:** Missing 7, 9.30; The Professor from London 4; **Orion:** Private Popsicle 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** Casablanca 7.15, 9.30; **Kfar Hamaccabiah:** A Thousand Little Kisses 7.30, 9.30

HERZLIYA
Tiferet: Hanky Panky 7.15, 9.15

PETAH TIKVA
Shalom: The Dragon 7

NETANYA
Esther: Private Popsicle 7, 9.15; Az Mett Git Nemt Men 5

HOLON
Migdal: The Jury 7.30, 9.30; Argoman the Superman 4.30; **Savoy:** Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 7, 9.30; Flash Gordon 4.30

RAMAT HASHARON
Star: The Godfather 6.15, 9.30; Muppets in Hollywood 4

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$1m. HOLOCAUST SWINDLE

LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES / Tom Tugend

AMERICAN authorities are trying to find a Holocaust survivor who was or is now a Swiss citizen, to recover up to $1m. believed to be in the Geneva bank account of a convicted swindler.

The search is the latest twist in the sordid story of Lucian Ludwig Kozminski, now serving a 12-year sentence in a California prison for defrauding concentration camp survivors of their payments from the West German Government.

Kozminski, born in Lodz, Poland and himself a Jewish survivor of the Auschwitz and Gross-Rosen death camps, came to the U.S. in 1968 and set himself up as a "restitution counsellor" in the predominantly Jewish Fairfax area of Los Angeles.

During the trial in September and October 1982, in a Los Angeles federal court, U.S. Attorney Mark E. Kalmansohn introduced government evidence that Kozminski had defrauded more than 3,000 victims throughout the world by pocketing most or all of their restitution payments, including $250,000 since 1974 alone.

In a pre-sentencing memorandum to the court, Kalmansohn presented sworn statements that Kozminski had been an *oberkapo* at Gross-Rosen, serving "as the conduit between the Nazi SS and the kapos... who administered frequent beatings to prisoners and otherwise enforced SS orders."

An even more lurid detail, related by Kalmansohn to this reporter is that a boastful Kozminski had credited his survival at Gross-Rosen to sleeping with the wife of the camp's SS commander Ludkeymeyer.

CONTINUING his investigation after Kozminski's conviction, the government prosecutor raised his estimate of the swindler's take during the past decade to between $750,000 and $1m. A question remained as to what Kozminski had done with the money, since he lived quite frugally and claimed to be bankrupt at the time of his trial.

A search of Kozminski's office files disclosed an extensive correspondence between the swindler and Peter Gautschi, manager of the Handelsbank in Geneva. The two men addressed each other by their first names and, among other transactions, discussed a $1b. deal for the purchase of gold ingots.

From the correspondence, Kalmansohn deduced that Kozminski might have put the money in a Swiss bank account. Such an account would probably be in the *name of Kozminski's son, Jakub* Janusch, whom the U.S. attorney described as a "cabaret-bordello" operator in Munich.

Following up his hunch, Kalmansohn asked the International Affairs Office of the U.S. Department of Justice to contact the Swiss Federal Office for Police Matters and request that any funds in such an account be *frozen until the rights of the victims could be established in a* Swiss court.

THE JUSTICE Department followed through, but in a cabled reply the following day, Swiss officials denied the request. The cable stated that the assets did not belong to the U.S. and that Switzerland could not execute an American judgment in a criminal matter.

The only option, the Swiss reply indicated, would be to file a class action suit by a victim through a Swiss legal aid agency. The plaintiff would have to prove that he was among the 3,000 Holocaust survivors swindled by Kozminski, and be a former or present Swiss citizen.

Switzerland was neutral during World War II, and since Kozminski's clients came from countries occupied by the Nazis, the chances of finding a Swiss citizen among the victims appear slim.

However, Kalmansohn is not giving up, since — as he warns — *if the* money is not found and restored to the victims, it could be claimed by Kozminski when he becomes eligible for parole in four years.

"There's a real possibility that Kozminski could leave prison, get the money and live like a king."

WHILE GLOOMY analysts insist that Israel has lost favour in the American media and that anti-Semitism is on the rise. Hollywood's fascination with the Jewish state and Jewish themes continues unabated.

In the wake of the Lebanon War, some of the movie colony's brightest stars came to Israel to cheer up the wounded and express solidarity with the people of Israel.

Actress Jane Fonda, accompanied by her politician-husband Tom Hayden, were the first on the scene. The visit, widely reported in the American Jewish press, did Hayden no harm in his successful race to represent a heavily Jewish district in the California State Assembly.

Following in short order were George Segal, Peter Strauss, Kirk Douglas and Sammy Davis Jr., the black entertainer who converted to Judaism 30 years ago and who was the most deeply moved by the experience.

In perhaps the warmest words printed in American newspapers about the Israeli prime minister, Davis described his meeting with Menachem Begin. "I've met princes and kings in my time," Davis declared "but when Begin shook my hand, I felt a dynamic current pass through me. I've never been so affected by a personality before."

The icing on the cake was Elizabeth Taylor, who visited wounded soldiers and met with the prime minister during an extended trip to Israel in December.

MEANWHILE, back in the U.S., half-Jewish actor Paul Leonard Newman has been proclaimed America's reigning superstar and, at age 57, the nation's foremost male sex symbol. The official imprimatur was granted by *Time* magazine, which recently devoted its cover and main story to the actor and his current triumph as an alcoholic Irish-American lawyer in *The Verdict*.

Newman, born in Cleveland, is the son of a Jewish businessman and a Catholic mother who later became a Christian Scientist. Though not religious — and not even Jewish by *halachic* standards — Newman claims Jewish identity for a rather unusual reason.

"I call myself a Jew," Newman told a reporter, "because it's more of a challenge."

Over his 30-year show business career, Newman has learned to cope with the adulation of his fans, but he wasn't prepared for the intensity of the Israeli breed.

When he and his wife, actress Joanne Woodward, visited Tel Aviv in 1960, "we were literally prisoners in our hotel," he recalls. To escape, he hid a motor scooter in the hotel kitchen and roared out the back door.

The stratagem didn't help much. "We'd be walking through a park at midnight," he continues, "and suddenly there'd be 200 people there. You'd never know where they came from or how they got there.

"Joanne got stuck one time, started to sign a few autographs and then realized that she was hemmed in by about 300 people pressing up against her. They had to call the police."

THE SAME danger is unlikely to befall Ken Wahl, who stars in the latest Hollywood attempt to cash in on the intrigue of the Middle East.

In *The Soldier*, Wahl is a maverick CIA agent who has to find and defuse a nuclear bomb planted in Saudi Arabia's richest oil field. The bad guys are Russians posing as Palestinian terrorists who have threatened that unless Israel evacuates the West Bank within 96 hours, half the world's oil supply will go up in a huge atomic cloud.

The American president exerts gentle pressure on Jerusalem by readying his air force to attack Israel. Israel's prime minister, who looks suspiciously like David Ben-Gurion, responds by threatening to nuke the Saudi Arabians.

Even for a CIA agent, the situation poses a challenge. He teams up with Alberta Watson, a pretty young lady, who, we are asked to believe, is the head of covert operations for Mossad.

We will prolong the suspense by omitting the rest of the plot, except to reveal that the free world, as well as true love, triumph in the end.

The Soldier is pure James Bond fantasy, but two films currently in production focus on historical episodes most American Jews would just as soon forget.

Daniel is loosely based on the lives and trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, sentenced and executed in 1953 for passing atomic secrets to the Russians during and after World War II.

THE CASE created an international furore and a low-key but persistent campaign has gained momentum during the last decade to reopen the Rosenberg case and clear their names posthumously. Much of the impetus has come from the Rosenberg's son, the "Daniel" of the movie, portrayed by Timothy Hutton.

The film is generally sympathetic to this Revisionist point of view and is likely to prove controversial even 30 years after the trial. This prospect has delayed production of the film for over a decade, during which time director Sidney Lumet tried to interest one major studio after another in the project.

Ed Asner, of *Lou Grant* TV fame, portrays the Rosenberg's defence lawyer. Asner, rather controversial himself for his outspoken liberal views, said that he was "delighted to be part of a story which could be very unpopular but which at least will get told. Anytime you get into areas like this in the U.S., it still takes guts and courage."

While *Daniel* is being filmed on the streets of Manhattan, across the East River in Brooklyn an Italian director is making a $30-million, three-hour epic on the rise and fall of New Yorks Jewish gangsters.

Once Upon a Time in America is the brainchild of Sergio Leone, best known as the father of the "spaghetti Western," who communicates with his stars Robert de Niro and James Woods through an interpreter and vivid gestures. Ironically, Jewish actors were cast as Italian gangsters in *The Godfather* films, and the Jewish gangsters in Leone's film are all gentiles.

The two anti-heroes are products of New York's teeming Jewish ghetto at the beginning of the century and are portrayed as upwardly mobile bootleggers who extend their influence into government and labour unions.



Alberta Watson in a scene from 'The Soldier' (left); Paul Newman in a scene from 'The Verdict.'

Warm hearts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

COLD HANDS, warm heart. That is the time-worn maxim. In the case of *The Jerusalem Post* funds, it certainly rings true.

The recent spate of cold weather has not prevented numbed hands from writing cheques. Generous Toy Fund contributors have added IS59,911.70 to the total, increasing it to IS1,130,892. More money is still needed because the Toy Fund responds to requests all year round, not just at Hanukka. Please send your donations to both *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund and Forsake Me Not today. Remember to make out separate cheques for each fund and address them to The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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CONCERN FOR the needs of the aged is increasingly and tangibly expressed by *Jerusalem Post* readers whose contributions to Forsake Me Not continue to be impressive in size and in volume. If the present rate of giving continues throughout the year, we should be able to ensure that by next winter every elderly person in the country will be properly protected against the cold.

Including the most recent contributions of IS81,573.31, the Forsake Me Not fund has already reached IS1,406,370.54 and should exceed IS2 million by the end of February. It is a challenge worth taking up to prove to the generation which has paved the way for Israelis to enjoy a relatively high standard of living, that it is not forsaken in its old age.

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Unqualified praise

MUSIC / Benjamin Bar-Am

ISRAELI MUSIC WORKSHOP with the Israel Chamber Orchestra, Lior Shambadal conducting (Beit Histadrut Hamarim, Tel Aviv, January 20). Yehuda Wohl: "Events" (1981); Mary Even-Or: Music for Strings (1979); Ari Ben-Shabtai: "Elegie pour Anna Frauck"; Yossi Be Peles: "Tone-Poem 4" (1981); Dov Carmel: "Kaleidoscope" (1972); Moshe Gassner: "Sunset" (1978).

SIX PIECES were presented in the public concert concluding the annual workshop organized by the Israel Composers' League in collaboration with Israel Radio and the Tel Aviv Foundation for Art and Literature. Lior Shambadal deserves unqualified praise for trying to do justice to all six. True, some of the works badly needed additional rehearsal, but what Shambadal accomplished under the circumstances (two morning sessions on January 19 and 20) must be regarded as a near miracle.

The most conservative of the six was Yehuda Wohl's *"Events.* Each of its five short movements is based on a single opening motif, which is then repeated and transformed. Wohl (b. 1904) regrettably does not show us any outstanding invention *in development, but all movements* are efficiently orchestrated, create tension and emit a considerable amount of rhythmical energy. The pieces indeed evoke a feeling of events and would do splendidly as ballet music.

Mary Even-Or begins promisingly with widely spaced string lines, a very low and a very high one, which then move slowly in various directions while inner voices are added. However, after gaining momentum, the music loses itself in a lot of vague material, and expectations are never quite fulfilled.

THE ONE piece that seemed head and shoulders above the rest was Ari Ben-Shabtai's *Elegie pour Anne Frank.* Using all kinds of contemporary means, the piece never strikes you as yielding to the new conventions. It is a deeply felt piece, speaking with a strong personal language. Conceived as a big *bloc sonore*, its details are both intriguing by themselves and contributing, at the same time, significantly to the comprehensive effect. Of particular interest is the scale of metal plates, played like a Gamelan gong system (built by the composer himself), which accompanies almost the whole work and which towards its conclusion contributes a magnificent cadenza. Ben-Shabtai has written a moving and highly impressive piece and his development should be watched with great interest.

Yossi Pelles' *Tone — Poem 4*, unchanging in mood, uses single points of orchestral colour against drawn-out sound planes and Webern-like intervallic skips. Although there is some thickening of texture and more action towards the end, one cannot escape the work's monotony. Dov Carmel's *Kaleidoscope* is simply bad, a heap of thrown together ideas that make no sense. If there is any sense of direction or compositional intention, it is buried under a deep layer of debris. As for Moshe Gassner's aleatoric-graphic *Sunset*, no comment.

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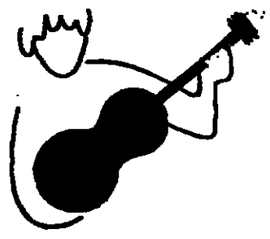
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Money Matters

From $1.75 a barrel of oil in 1950 to $34 in 1981

The rise and fall (?) of OPEC

LONDON (Reuter). — OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), now in disarray, was formed 21 years ago to wrest control of the international oil market away from the western oil companies.

Success eluded it from its creation in 1962 until the early 1970s when, helped by the 1973 Arab oil embargo against the U.S., it began to set prices unilaterally and sent them soaring in a tight sellers' market.

The price of Saudi Arabian light crude, around $1.75 a barrel in 1950, rose only to $2.59 by January 1973. By January 1974, the price stood at nearly $12 — which many economists felt was the catalyst for a sharp upward spiral in inflation, leading in turn to higher world unemployment.

But OPEC has never been a true cartel, able to coordinate production to push prices. It simply reacted to the market. As the market slackened later in the 1970s, prices scarcely rose.

Then, after the fall of the Shah of Iran and a slump in Iranian output, the oil companies went on a panic buying spree. In 1979-80 the market was tight enough again for OPEC to deal out a second oil "shock," sending the price up around today's level of $34.

But in the view of such OPEC heavyweights as Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the exporters had over-reached themselves.

Energy conservation measures, triggered by the earlier price rises, and worldwide switch to coal, nuclear fuel, gas and non-OPEC oil, were eroding OPEC sales. And the 1979-80 price rises also helped tilt Western economies into the current recession, slashing oil demand.

Buyers deserted OPEC in droves for the lower prices offered by non-members, such as Britain and Mexico.

OPEC output plunged early last year as low as 16 million barrels daily, a level not seen since the 1960s and only half the 32 million barrels it pumped at the height of the market in 1979.

Non-members' output has recently exceeded OPEC's.

Meanwhile, OPEC remained merely a loose-knit price-fixing ring, split by ideological differences such as those between revolutionary Iran and Saudi Arabia, rather than a true cartel.

It repeatedly failed to clinch a price-and-production agreement to share out its dwindled market in defence of its artifically-high prices.

The following table shows how the price of OPEC's "benchmark" Saudi Arabian light crude has moved according to OPEC and oil industry statistics.

	Dollars a barrel
Nov. 1950	1.75
Jan. 1973	2.59
Jan. 1974	11.65
Jul. 1977	13.66
Jun. 1979	19.35
Jan. 1980	28.00
Jan. 1981	32.00
Oct. 1981	34.00

Headlight factory at Ma'ale Adumim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mishor Adumim — the industrial sector of the West Bank settlement of Ma'ale Adumim — gets a new factory tomorrow: Technolights.

Established by Italian and Israeli investors, the company will manufacture automobile headlights, emergency warning triangles and other car accessories. Most of the output will go for export to Europe and Africa and production is geared to meet European road safety standards.

Beni Benin, an immigrant from Eritrea and one of the Israeli investors, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the firm estimates its annual sales abroad will be $3m., and to the local market, $650,000. Next month, Technolights' items will be handled by the Italian companies Gecar S.P.A. of Milan and Olsa S.P.A. of Torino. These firms manufacture original equipment and replacement parts of Piaggio, Fiat and other vehicles.

"We are starting out on a small scale, with only 35 workers," Benin said. "But we expect to have 52 permanent employees on the production floor by May, besides supervisors and managerial staff."

Private builders complain

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's private building sector, hit by a slowdown in sales, is complaining about "unfair" competition and discriminatory taxation.

Meeting with MK Shlomo Lorincz, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, leaders of the Federation of Contractors and Builders charged that public institutional organizations such as the Jewish National Fund, Mekorot Water Development Company and the IDF's construction unit are underbidding private concerns and driving them out of their traditional markets.

A federation official told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "These public bodies were not established to compete with us, but to stick to specific public works. Instead, they enter into tenders with our members, and naturally get the jobs since they do not pay income tax and can therefore offer much lower prices."

Lorincz' committee has been dealing with the so-called "taxation under conditions of inflation" legislation. The private builders charge the proposed changes in the laws will hurt them. As an example, they point to one change: removal of interest they pay on expensive earthmoving machinery from the list of tax-deductible items.

Avraham Rubinstein, chairman of the federation's taxation committee, said: "The new stricter tax laws will boomerang. Instead of raising more tax revenue from the building trade, the government will end up with the same amount. That will occur because many private builders will cease operations and stop paying taxes."

Housing fair on West Bank settlements

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Increased Jewish settlement in the West Bank will be pushed at a combination housing fair and "Exhibition of Progress in Judea and Samaria" to be held here in March.

The event is being organized by the Ministry of Housing and Construction in conjunction with the Israel Building Centre. The centre is a professional organization of private builders.

A Building Centre spokesman said visitors to the fair will be given a "settlement map" that will show built-up areas as well as residential sites planned for the future. Development plans and occupancy timetables for the non-built-up areas will also be available for consultation by prospective settlers in the West Bank.

Builders participating in the housing fair will have their own pavilions, and visitors will be able to compare prices as well as layouts of flats and villas offered.

People will be able to enter into purchase contracts on the spot.

The week-long fair will be held at the Building Centre's headquarters in Ramat Aviv.

Zim workers in Eilat protest loss of bonus

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 39 Zim workers at the company's Eilat branch have declared a labour dispute over the stoppage of the "desert" bonus payments they had received for the past eight years.

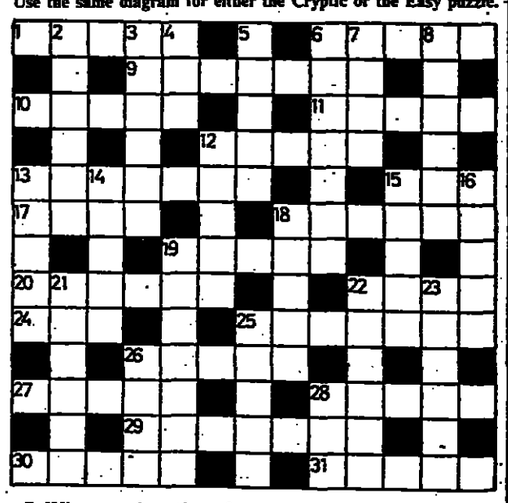
The employees, who have the backing of the Eilat labour council, say the cancellation of the bonuses was made without prior consultation, even though it was approved by their own works committee.

The company stopped the payments after it was discovered that the workers were already receiving the bonus in their regular pay. The additions were started in 1974, and at that time were insignificant. But with inflation they have amounted to as much as IS10,000 a month each, creating a large differential for the Eilat workers.

LOAN. —The Belgian government yesterday granted a new 25 million franc ($520,000) loan to Lebanon, Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans reported.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Beast involved in rough play (5)
6 Room for nothing but an instrument (5)
9 Shout like a judge at court? (4, 3)
10 Cash drain, possibly (5)
11 Robin shaped? (5)
12 Resting-place of many a Russian (5)
13 Group of leavers, maybe (7)
15 He's just a novice to me (3)
17 A bit of a riddle, but not very interesting (4)
18 Figure the reason out for part of a sentence (6)
19 A name for endlessly scattering litter (5)
20 Inferred in a deuced complicated way (6)
22 Career file, possibly? (4)
24 Boy from Brideswell (3)
25 Handcuff MacLean somehow (7)
26 Capital place for a storm! (5)
27 Carved stone that was received for nothing (5)
28 Animals that go on two feet (5)
29 Sprain I treated with pain-killer (7)
30 It's hard from the onset (5)
31 Might one give Dr. Who a peppering? (5)

DOWN

2 A musical forename (6)
3 Afraid to get in Ed's car? (6)
4 Part of the arrangements for listening (3)
5 I fall, perhaps, and thrash around (5)
6 Bad dog fit to be responsive to good treatment (7)
7 Where education is the key to high speed (4)
8 Tries aggressively to get one's point home (6)
12 He takes a girl in a fatherly embrace (5)
13 Rescued, perhaps when completely spent! (5)
14 Saint of the dance (5)
15 One may be delighted to hear it (5)
16 Assembly on the embankment (5)
18 Like some of uncle Andy's jokes (5)
19 So a tree produces a flower (3-4)
21 Go off (6)
22 Lily's place (6)
23 Rob of a warm coat (6)
25 Imitate a lot of tailless mice (5)
26 It's a seed, old chap (4)
28 Surrounded by a formidable division (3)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Collision (5)
6 Encounters (5)
9 Card-game (7)
10 Fulcrum (5)
11 Skilful (5)
12 Smiles broadly (5)
13 Speculation (7)
15 Beer (3)
17 Poems (4)
18 Fisherman (6)
19 Copying (5)
20 Bear (6)
22 Burden (4)
24 Special Air Service (3)
25 Full-up (7)
26 Carouse (5)
27 Climbing aid (5)
28 Applaud (5)
29 Tropical disease (7)
30 Flat (5)
31 Wrong (5)

DOWN

2 Complained bitterly (6)
3 Gushes (6)
4 Very warm (3)
5 Gaze fixedly (5)
6 Lamenting (7)
7 Finishes (4)
8 Indulge in drink (6)
12 Colic (5)
13 Ballots (5)
14 Requires (5)
15 By oneself (5)
16 Rub out (5)
18 Divine messenger (5)
19 Weapons store (7)
21 Indigenous person (6)
22 Lancashire town (6)
23 Pronounces (6)
25 Give back (5)
26 Italian capital (8)
28 Central Intelligence Agency (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS.— 4, Cellar. 7, Wax Vesta. 8, N-arrow. 10 Si-o-es. 13, Bond. 14, Hamm. 15, Poet(s' Corner). 16, Dew. 17, Peat. 19, R-i-ot. 21, S-tart-ling. 23, Joy's. 24, La-MA. 26, Dan. 27, The-M. 29, Prop. 32, S-E-AS. 33, Stage. 34, Spears. 35, Teamwork. 36, Pretty.

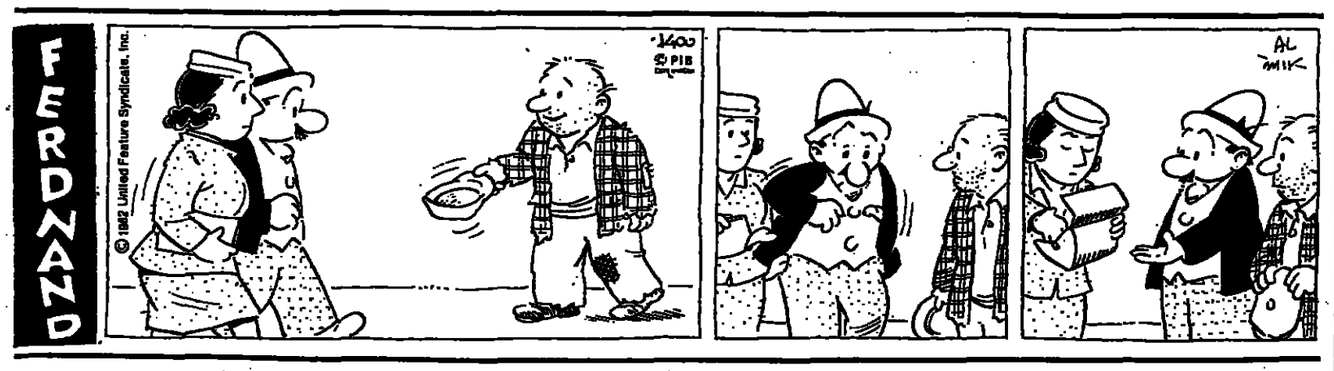
DOWN. — 1, S-wish. 2, A-XI-OM. 3, Keys. 4, Canoe. 5, Lord. 6, Avocet. 9, An-trim. 11, Law. 12, Empty. 13, Bottles. 15, Par. 16, Dog. 18, E-aster (eggs). 20, Inapt. 21, S-O-N. 22, LaM (rev). 23, Jasper. 25, Log (cabin). 28, Ha-st-y. 30, Ray-on. 31, Peck's. 32, SALT. 33, Some.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS. — 4, Fumble. 7, Conspire. 8, Wrings. 10, Norse. 13, Weed. 14, Tree. 15, Term. 16, For. 17, Loud. 19, Amen. 21, Blundered. 23, Lust. 24, Irks. 26, Wig. 27, Iona. 29, Sloe. 32, Snug. 33, Tying. 34, Shrugs. 35, Triangle. 36, Enjoys.

DOWN. — 1, Scent. 2, Snare. 3, Apse. 4, Fewer. 5, Maid. 6, Legion. 9, Remark. 11, Ore. 12, Sells. 13, Wedding. 15, Tun. 16, Fed. 18, Outing. 20, Messy. 21, Bug. 22, Era. 23, Lichen. 25, Son. 28, Ousts. 30, Lingo. 31, Egret. 32, Sumo. 33, Teak.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow



WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; Portables. From Museum collection of archaeology, ethnography, Judaica, art and design.. Primitive Art from the Museum Collection; Open Eye, design by Sandberg; Touch, children's exhibition; Bezalel 1906-1929; Art of Bezalel Teachers; Tip of the Iceberg No. 1. 19th century French drawings and prints from Museum collection; Toys and Games of the Ancient World (Rockefeller Museum); Wonderful World of Paper (Paley Centre); Special Exhibits: Islamic Armour, Iran 17th-18th century (Rockefeller Museum); Japanese Miniature Sculpture, Netsuke and Inro, 18th-19th century; Hanukka Lamp, early 17th century, Poland; Model of Shrine, pottery 9th-8th century BCE; Small Figurines of Humans, Nahal Oren limestone figures, early Neolithic period; Clay Jug and Juglet, Middle Canaanite period IIA (early 2nd millennium BCE).

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 4-10. At 4: Children's operetta, "Motek". 6 and 8.30: Film, "An Unmarried Woman." 7.15: "Jewellery and Amulets," by Sulamit Eisenstadt. 8.30: Guided Lecture, "Uses of Clay in Eretz Yisrael in Antiquity," by Tallay Ornan, Asst. Curator.

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum. Exhibitions: City and Art: Dizengoff House: Tel Aviv, Early Photographs: East or West. Architecture in Israel 1920-1933: Collections: Israeli Art 1960-1980; Classical Art from the 17th and 18th centuries: Impressionism and Post Impressionism, 20th Century Art in Europe and the United States: Archipenko, Early Works (1910-1921). New Exhibition: Arman: Parade of Objects, Retrospective 1955-1982. **Helena Rubinstein Pavilion:** Closed until opening of new exhibition.

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Rehovot

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Black Monday on stock exchange

TEL AVIV. — The majority of the investing public was in a state of shock after yesterday's sharpest-ever one-session fall in equity prices. More than 60 per cent of all securities absorbed losses of five per cent or more. Many of the shares which were listed on Sunday as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session, fell by tens of percentage points. Losses of 30 to 60 per cent of Sunday's value were reflected in the prices of nine securities.

Many of these shares are generally associated with the Eieger-Fishman group. The shares of FIBI, the holding company which controls the shares of the First International Bank, were registered as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. The Rieger-Fishman group is assumed to have a major stake in the FIBI shares.

The big three banks showed plenty of muscle yesterday, as their prices rose by almost one per cent.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

United Mizrahi was hard pressed, but its shares traded unchanged in spite of an offer of sale of nearly IS250 million. Union Bank shares were down by 8.5%, in response to heavy selling pressures. The Union Bank shares have had a major rise, prior to yesterday's session, and since the beginning of January the Maritime Bank, with watch-like accuracy, added 100 points every day. The shares of the Finance and Trade Bank were less fortunate. The 1.0 shekel shares were down by more than 12% while the 5.0 shekel shares fell by 33.5%.

Stock exchange circles were hopeful that the selling wave may finally be running out of steam and that a calmer atmosphere will prevail when trading resumes today. Others were less optimistic and suggested that the current price "shakeout" still has several sessions to run before it peters out.

While many long-term investors were prepared to assume a wait-and-see attitude, others were angry at the Treasury, which they held directly responsible for the current state of affairs.

In contrast to Sunday's statistics, which showed more than several shares rising by 5% or more, there were no such "winners" yesterday.

One observer pointed to the 304 securities which fell by 5% or more and suggested that drops of such magnitude are eloquent reminders of the badly needed overhaul of trading practices and regulations.

Most active stocks

Mizrahi r	843	29,520.6	n.c.
Mizrahi b	843	6,436.1	n.c.
Leumi	1844	6,103.4	+12

Shares traded: IS2,395.7m.
Convertibles: IS16.2m.
Bonds IS138.5m.

Advisable to put a price limit when selling from 'sellers only' list

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — On Sunday the management of the stock exchange warned investors that shares which had been "sellers only" for two consecutive sessions would on Monday be traded without any price limitation. The management suggested that anyone wishing to sell these securities should attach a price limit to his order, below which he was not willing to sell.

Apparently the warning was not heeded by a vast number of individuals who tried to sell these securities. For the convenience of our readers we reprint the list of "sellers only" stocks that appeared on this page yesterday and have added the price changes.

List of 40 securities:

	change in%		change in%
IDB 'B'	—13.5	Elgar (r)	—47.3
Discount 'B'	—9.7	Amissar	—11.8
Mimum 1.0	—12.1	Israel Corp.1.0	—21.1
Mimum 5.0	—33.5	Hapoalim inv. (r)	—57.2
Merav	—51.0	Oz 0.5	—31.3
Shilton (r)	—16.3	Baranowitz 1.0	—23.6
Clal Leasing 0.5	—40.2	ICP	—17
Arye	—55.2	I.P. Industries	—11.1
Hamismar-Harel 5.0	—19.4	Elco 0.25 (r)	—5.5
Yardenia 0.1	—3.9	Dexter 1.0	—21.8
Zion Holding 1.0	—49	Pri-Ze 1.0	—44.8
Teta 1.0	—9.7	Pri-Ze 5.0	—27.9
Teta 5.0	—17.8	Tadir cement opt	—38.2
Cold Bonded 1.0	—52.7	Yaeh	—32.8
Cold Bonded 5.0	—43.7	Petrochemicals	—6.6
Danot 5.0	—9.9	Feuchtwanger 1.0	—22.4
Ispro	—59.8	Pollak 5.0	—13.4
Lumir 1.0	—23.6	T.A.T. 1.0	—60
Levinstein 5.0	—44	Schoellerina	—47.5
Arledan 0.1	—53.9	Caesarea 0.1	—31.8

Yesterday the following securities were established as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. Once again investors are warned that these shares will trade today without any price limit

Carmel opt	Electra opt 3	Cold Bonded opt	Carmel (r)
Tefahot capl	Pri-Ze opt	Hassneh opt 3	Hassneh (r)
		Fertilizers 0.1	Hassneh (b)
		Tromasbestos 1.0	Securitas
		Dead Sea Works	Lighterage 0.1
		Fedoil	Lighterage o.5
		Elgar (b)	FIBI
		Piryon	

Changes in Income Tax Law before Knesset

Post Knesset Reporter

One hundred and seventy changes in the Income Tax Law (Taxation Under Inflationary Conditions) are made in an Amendment that passed its first reading in the Knesset last night.

The text of the Amendment covers 21 pages in the blue booklet, plus an additional 28 pages of explanatory remarks.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor noted that the original law, which was passed last August, was designed to neutralize the factor of inflation in computing business taxes.

Aridor said that already when the original law was going through the legislative process, it was clear that its complexity would require a number of amendments in the light of experience.

He stressed that there was no change in the approach or in the principles of the original law, and that the changes proposed in the draft Amendment were not designed to make the law either stricter or more lenient.

U.S. personal income in 1982 rises 6.4 per cent

WASHINGTON (AP). — In a year of recession and layoffs, personal income in the U.S. rose 6.4 per cent in 1982, the smallest gain in nearly two decades but still enough to keep slightly ahead of inflation, government figures showed Tuesday.

Discounting for the rise in prices and nudges into higher tax brackets, take-home incomes increased 1.1 per cent, less than half the 2.5 per cent gain of 1981, but still better than the 1 per cent of recession-weakened 1980, according to the Commerce Department report.

Personal income rose 0.6 per cent in December.

For all of 1982, the report said, personal income rose to a total of $2.57 trillion. The 6.4 per cent gain, only a little more than half the 11.8 per cent of 1981, was the smallest since the 5.1 per cent of 1963.

Layoffs throughout the year brought the national unemployment rate to 10.8 per cent in December, the highest level in 42 years.

Opix '83 show of industrial instruments

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An international exhibition of measuring instruments and of industrial control equipment, Opix '83, opened at the Hilton hotel here yesterday.

Dov Stier, whose company, the Stier Group organized the exhibition, said that this was the second show of its kind being held here. The first was held three years ago.

Hundreds of instruments and pieces of equipment in this specialized field were on show, most of them from abroad. Dr. Yosef Atari, the president of the Israeli section of the Instrument Society of America, said that the market here is so limited that it is not worthwhile to develop an industry in this field. Just the same, there are some subsidiaries here of international firms, which produce part of their instruments here, such as computer software.

Dr. Uri Piper, vice president of the Israeli section, said that Israel's industry buys between $20m. and $25m. worth of these instruments every year. He expected 1983 to be a slow year, because many companies plan to cut down on their orders, due to the world recession.

Dollar soars as sterling slumps

LONDON (Reuter). — The dollar soared on foreign exchanges yesterday, pushing the pound sterling to an all-time low, because of a belief that U.S. interest rates would not be falling in the near future, dealers said.

On the London Exchange, sterling opened at $1.5535, below Friday's close of $1.5665 and under the previous record low of $1.5550 set in October, 1976.

In early trading the British currency fell further, and was quoted at $1.5470 about half an hour after the opening.

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	Selling	Buying
US$	35.4900	35.1376
DM	14.3626	14.2171
Swiss FR	17.5519	17.3754
Sterling	54.9208	54.3734
French FR	5.0575	5.0071
Dutch G	13.1153	12.9826
Austrian SH(10)	20.4318	20.2289
Swedish KR	4.7529	4.7057
Danish KR	4.0793	4.0388
Norwegian KR	4.9300	4.8811
Finnish MK	6.5492	6.4841
Canadian $	28.7951	28.5082
Rand	33.2293	32.8993
Australian $	34.5284	34.1836
Belgian Con (10)	7.3570	7.2839
Belgian Fin (10)	7.0767	7.0065
Yen (100)	14.7200	14.5738
Italian Lire (1000)	25.0018	24.7535

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US$	1.5562/72	per £
DM	2.4735/45	per $
Swiss FR	2.0195/10	per $
French FR	7.0075/25	per $
Italian Lire	1419.50/25	per $
Dutch G	2.7100/15	per $
Norwegian KR	7.1975/00	per $
Danish KR	8.6975/00	per $
Yen	241.20/35	per $
Swedish KR	7.4660/80	per $

FORWARD RATES:

	1 mon.	3 mns.	5 mns.
S/£	1.5527/541	1.5482/467	1.5428/445
DM/$	2.4652/656	2.4603/518	2.4250/267
Sw.FR/$	2.0085/087	1.9983/885	1.9585/615

Commercial Banks

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
IDB p.	46500	—	+1000	+2.2
IDB r	2117	5,224	+20	+1.0
IDB B r	2681	629	—430	—13.8
IDB p. A	12800	6	+350	+2.8
IDB op 7	10500	63	—250	—2.3
Union r	2145	2,808	—200	—8.5
Union op 4 r	8575	19	—100	—1.2
Discount r	3271	2,152	—350	—9.7
Discount A r	2739	694	+15	+.6
Discount op 2	2150	159	—75	—3.4
Discount B	298	380	+8	+2.8
Mizrahi r	843	29,520	n.c.	—
Mizrahi b	843	6,436	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 3	13827	4	—273	—1.9
Mizrahi op 10	3400	24	—100	—2.9
Mizrahi op 11	1206	610	—134	—10.0
Mizrahi sc 6	7000	—	+210	+3.1
Mizrahi op 7	5600	23	+150	+2.8
Mizrahi sc 9	339	332	+1	+.3
Maritime 0.1	8250	782	+100	+1.2
Maritime 0.5	1900	—	—100	—5.0
Hapoalim p. B	5100	9	—270	—5.0
Hapoalim r	3605	3,395	+31	+.9
Hapoalim b	3605	251	+31	+.9
Hapoalim op 7	1168	69	—100	00.9
Hapoalim op 12	2770	500	n.c.	—
Hapoalim sc 6	7580	—	+70.	+.9
Hapoalim sc 8	5351	—	—	—
General A	8300	172	n.c.	—
General op b	16300	1	n.c.	—
General op 8	7497	22	—30	—.4
General sc 5	2250	14	n.c.	—
General 7	262	534	—24	+10.1
Leumi	1844	6,103	+12	+.7
Leumi op 4	9940	—	+300	+3.1
Leumi op 13	1280	784	—15	—1.2
Leumi sc 9	1252	187	+12	+1.0
Leumi sc 11	343	2,199	+6	+1.8
OHH r	3100	396	n.c.	—
Finance Trade	3000	1,625	—414	—12.1
Finance Trade	1291	67	—650	—33.5
Finance Tr. op	1483	s.o.l	—102	—6.4
N. American 1	2929	883	n.c.	—
N. American 5	2035	812	n.c.	—
Danot 1.0	1617	s.o.l	—85	—5.0
Danot 5.0	455	3,610	—50	—9.9
Danot sc 2	787	s.o.l	—41	—5.0
First Int'l 5	1497	s.o.l	—79	—5.0
FIBI	2942	s.o.2	—155	—5.0

Mortgage Banks

Adanim 0.1	1235	s.o.l	—65	—5.0
GenMortgage r	1435	1,835	—130	—8.3
GenMortgage b	1521	250	—169	—10.0
Carmel r	3078	s.o.2	—162	—5.0
Carmel op A	7662	s.o.2	—384	—4.8
Binyan	1045	s.o.l	55	—5.0
DevMortgage r	760	1,242	—80	—9.5
DevMortgage b	950	19	—50	—5.0
Mishkan r	4196	1,403	—466	—10.0
Mishkan b	4590	10	—510	—10.0
Independence	4500	9	—300	—6.3
Indep. op 1	3110	5	—490	—13.6
Tefahot p. r	4140	57	—460	—10.0
Tefahot r	4000	2,512	—572	—12.5
Tefahot b	4140	72	—460	—10.0
Tefahot 2%	7399	s.o.l	—421	—5.4
Tefahot op A	2910	s.o.l	—240	—7.6
Tefahot op B	487	s.o.2	—26	—5.1
Tefahot d 1.	154	s.o.l	—8	—4.9
Merav r	1000	4,628	—1040	—51.0

Financing Institutions

Shilton r	690	624	—134	—16.3
Shilton op B	2376	1	—356	—13.0
Shilton sc 1	—	—	—	—
Shilton sc 2	—	—	—	—
Otzar Lat. r	1021	1,637	—113	—10.0
Otzar Lat. b	1195	100	—130	—9.8
Contractors C.	449	s.o.l	—24	—5.1
Agriculture A	13095	6	—1455	—10.0
Ind. Dev. p. r.	7500	3	—100	—1.3
Clal Lease 0.1	1400	3	+59	+4.4
Clal Lease 0.5	372	1,205	—250	—40.2
Clal Lease op B	486	25	—55	—10.2
Clal Lease sc 1	245	100	—9	—3.5

Insurance

Aryeh r	850	5,655	—1045	—55.2
Aryeh op	1000	1	—9000	—15
Aryeh op B	970	s.o.l	—100	—9.4
Aryeh sc 1	1875	1	—60	—3.1
Ararat 0.1 r	1303	151	—145	—10.0
Ararat 0.5 r	785	1,037	—87	—10.0
Reinsur. 0.1 r	3130	1	n.c.	—
Reinsur. 0.5 r	1947	s.o.l	—103	—5.0
Reinsur. op 1	1680	23	—120	—6.7
Hadar 1.0	830	33	—60	—6.7
Hadar 5.0	480	249	—30	—5.9
Hadar op 1	392	45	n.c.	—
Hassneh r	4522	s.o.2	—238	—5.0
Hassneh b	4522	s.o.2	—238	—5.0
Hassneh op 3	4189	s.o.2	—251	—5.7
Phoenix 0.1 r	4500	118	n.c.	—
Phoenix 0.5 r	2847	6	n.c.	—
Hamishmar	349	937	—35	—9.1
Hamishmar	250	180	—60	—19.4
Hamishmar op	331	s.o.l	—23	—6.5
Yardenia 0.1 r	1588	41	—64	—3.9
Yardenia 0.5 r	677	s.o.l	—36	—5.1
Yardenia op 1	1395	8	+15	+1.1
Menora 1	2434	152	—271	—10.0
Menora 5	1160	65	—90	—7.2
Sahar r	1584	462	—176	—10.0
Securitas r	711	s.o.2	—37	—5.0
Zur r	2400	66	n.c.	—
Zur op 2	2015	13	—265	—11.6
Zion Hold. 1.0	417	800	—400	—49.0
Zion Hold. 5.0	293	105	—1	—.3

Services & Utilities

Galei Zohar 1	295	s.o.l	—15	—4.8
Galei Zohar 5	169	102	n.c.	—
Galei Zo. op 1	145	100	—5	—3.3
Data Mikun	543	s.o.l	—29	—5.1
Delek r	5200	39	—200	—3.7
Delek b	6606	—	n.c.	—
Harel 1	359	208	—8	—2.2
Harel 5	208	s.o.l	—11	—5.0
Harel op 2	179	1	n.c.	—
Lighterage 0.1	8740	s.o.2	—460	—5.0
Lighterage 0.5	7256	s.o.2	—382	—5.0
Cold St. 0.1 r	25000	—	—1900	—7.1
Cold St. 1.0 r	10260	s.o.l	—540	—5.0
Israel Electric r	—	—	—	—
Dan Hotels 1	387	404	—43	—10.0
Dan Hotels 5	263	s.o.l	—14	5.1
Coral Beach	164	4,903	n.c.	—
Coral B. op 1	144	s.o.l	—19	—11.7
Teta 1	652	177	—70	—9.7
Teta 5	300	908	—65	—17.8
Teta op	261	170	—25	—8.7
Magor 0.1	2889	23	n.c.	—
Magor 0.5	877	89	—98	—10.1
Magor op 1	2150	12	—120	—5.3
BondWare 0.1	649	387	—723	52.7
BondWare 0.5	397	805	—308	—43.7
BondWare op	524	s.o.2	—37	—6.6
Yahalom	221	s.o.l	—12	—5.2
Nikuv 1.0	950	s.o.l	—50	—5.0
Nikuv 5.0	761	s.o.l	—40	—5.0
Nikuv op 1	739	11	+35	+4.9
Consortium	1571	—	—83	—5.0
Consortium op	1651	20	n.c.	—
Crystal 1	1495	133	—165	—9.9
Rapac 0.1	1881	3	—99	5.0
Rapac 0.5	449	198	—22	—4.7
Supersol 2	5160	250	—573	—10.0
Supersol 10	1910	6.o.1	—100	—5.0
Supersol op B	1801	13	—78	—4.2

Land, Building, Citrus

Oren	413	s.o.l	—22	—5.1
Oren op 1	762	19	—108	—12.4
Azorim Invest.	358	1,622	—40	—10.1
Azorim r	467	376	n.c.	—
Azorim op C	4090	5	n.c.	—
Azorim op D	906	68	—118	—11.5
Azorim op E	356	365	—47	—11.7
Africa Isr. 0.1	5650	177	—250	—4.2
Africa Isr. 1.0	4670	80	—20	—.4
Africa op 2	3351	4	+90	+2.8
Arledan 0.1	522	1,120	—610	—53.9
Arledan 0.5	263	353	—29	—9.9
Arled. op A	766	11	n.c.	—
Ben Yakar 1	1359	275	—151	—10.0
Ben Yakar op	1520	107	n.c.	—
Baranovitz 1	217	2,044	—67	—23.6
Baranovitz 5	160	308	—10	—5.9
Baranovitz op	122	373	—5	—3.9
Dankner 1	306	1,652	—34	—10.0
Darad 0.1	400	65	n.c.	—
Darad 0.5	181	104	—20	—10.0
Darad op 1	1500	1	n.c.	—
Darad op 2	330	37	+25	+8.2
HLB 0.1	412	118	+7	+1.7
HLB 0.5 r	200	458	—10	—4.8
Property Bldg r	1800	531	—184	—9.3
Bayside 0.1	—	—	—	—
Bayside 0.5	—	—	—	—
Bayside op B	2800	9	—180	—6.0
ILDC r	4050	582	—450	—10.0
ILDC no div.	4257	15	—473	—10.0
ILDC b	4350	2	—150	—3.3
ILDC op 6	3610	20	—190	—5.0
ICP r	387	1,110	—79	—17.0
Ispro r	580	8,338	—864	—59.8
Isralom	547	213	n.c.	—
Isras b	696	334	—5	—.7
Isras op 1	530	180	—70	—11.7
Cohen Dev.	252	29	—3	—1.2
Cohen Dev. op	200	22	—5	—2.4
Lumir 1	304	664	—94	—23.6
Lumir 5	141	1,468	—14	—9.0
Lumir op. 1	113	791	—17	—13.1
M.T.M. 1	2822	s.o.l	—148	—5.0
M.T.M. 5	1467	42	—163	—10.0
M.T.M. op 1	1650	28	—120	—6.8
Mehadrin r	10000	10	—1000	—9.1
Modul Beton	2616	s.o.l	—138	—5.0
Mishnael 5	571	s.o.l	—30	—5.0
Mar-Lez 1	259	s.o.l	—13	—4.8
Mar-Lez op	161	22	+1	+.6
Meshulam 1	770	394	—44	—5.4
Meshulam 5	379	398	n.c.	—
Mesh. op 1	345	140	n.c.	—
Lifschitz 1	254	1,658	—22	—8.0
Lifschitz 5	185	1,224	—9	—4.6
Lifschitz op	134	1,241	—1	—1.1
Neot Aviv	1750	37	—145	—7.7
Nichsei Hadar	840	649	—50	—5.6
Solel Bon. p. A	6498	s.o.l.	—342	—5.0
Pri Or	800	116	—64	—7.4
Pri Or op	980	6	—141	—12.6
Caesarea 0.1	1286	587	—600	—31.8
Caesarea 0.5	260	527	—23	—8.1
Rogovin 1	349	310	—39	—10.1
Rogovin 5	284	351	—15	—5.0
Rogovin op	135	75	—9	—6.3
Rassco p. r	998	s.o.l.	—52	—5.0
Rassco r	871	s.o.l.	—46	—5.0
Rassco op	690	106	—75	—9.8

Industrials

Agan Chem.	680	2,033	—20	—2.9
Baruch 1	384	67	—22	—5.4
Baruch 5	300	339	n.c.	—
Baruch op	180	39	—9	—4.8
Urdan 0.1 r	1450	40	n.c.	—
Urdan 0.5 r	1484	102	n.c.	—
Atlantic 1	180	158	—15	—7.7
Atlantic op 1	119	151	—10	—7.8
I.P.Building	337	1,048	—42	—11.1
Elbit 3.0 r	10480	39	—670	—6.0
Elbit op	9600	3	—400	—4.0
Alumit 1	570	198	—30	—5.0
Alumit 5	400	75	n.l.	—
Alumit op	226	231	—35	—11.6
Alliance	—	—	—	—
Alaska Sport 1	945	15	+5	+.5
Alaska Sport 5	450	9	+5	+1.1
Alaska S. op 1	582	5	—78	—11.8
Elco 0.1	1530	8	—75	—4.7
Elco 0.25 r	685	162	—40	—5.5
Elco 0.25 b	1391	15	n.c.	—
Elco op B	1592	s.o.l.	—63	—3.8
Elco d 1	5067	—	n.c.	—
Alkol	345	109	—26	—7.0
Alkol op 1	239	171	+29	+13.8
Electra 0.1 r	3645	125	—405	10.0
Electra 0.5 r	1065	463	—118	—10.0
Electra op 3	2064	s.o.2	—139	—6.3
Electra op 4	730	s.o.l.	—70	—8.8
Elron	18360	31	—2040	—10.0
Ackerstein 1	400	1,435	n.c.	—
Ackerstein 5	288	82	n.c.	—
Argaman p.r.	1900	4	—77	—3.9
Argaman r	1897	s.o.l.	—100	—5.0
Irith	1630	389	—70	—4.1
Irith op	1660	40	n.c.	—
Ata B 1.0	1352	s.o.l.	—70	—4.9
Ata C 0.1	1390	s.o.l.	—73	—5.0
Tadir 1.0	3316	27	+17	+.5
Tadir 5.0	1146	s.o.l.	—60	—5.0
Tadir op 1	1617	19	—1000	38.3
Bar-Ton 1	372	82	—41	—9.9
Bar-Ton 5	190	s.o.l.	—10	—5.0
Bar-Ton op	125	137	—2	—1.6
Goldfrost 1.0	720	285	—60	—7.7
Goldfrost 5	274	s.o.l.	—14	—4.9
Goldfrost op	188	77	—29	—13.4
Gal Ind. 1.0	1174	570	n.c.	—
Gal Ind. 5.0	415	104	—30	—6.7
Gal Ind. op 1	713	16	—88	—11.0
Galil Tech. 1	254	897	—23	—8.3
Galil Tech. op	188	713	—16	—7.8
Dubek p. r	3070	60	—280	—8.4
Dubek p. b	3100	9	—95	—3.0
Delta Galil 1	522	s.o.l.	—27	—4.9
Delta Galil 3	300	351	—25	—7.7
Delta Gal. op 2	470	171	—55	—10.5
Dafron 1	333	s.o.l	—17	—4.9
Dafron 5	169	100	—1	—.9
Dafron op	127	193	—13	—9.3
Dexter Chem.	290	319	—81	—21.8
Dexter op A	194	155	—20	—9.4
Fertilizer 0.1	1082	s.o.2	—57	—5.0
Fertilizer 0.5	438	s.o.l.	—23	—5.0
Cables r	1750	32	—98	—5.3
Cables b	1750	4	—120	—6.4
Hamashlul 1	396	180	—44	—10.0
Hamashlul 5	280	279	—11	—3.8
Hamashlul op	181	270	—7	—3.7
Hatchof 1.0	410	107	—13	—3.1
Hatchof 5.0	280	223	—14	—4.8
Hatchof op 1	625	17	—88	—12.3
Vitalgo 1	449	203	—50	—10.0
Vitalgo 5	348	567	+12	+3.6
Vardinon	315	261	—35	—10.0
Vardinon op	234	224	—10	—4.1
Zikit 1.0	860	63	—9	—1.0
Zikit 5.0	350	17	n.c.	—
Zikit op A	189	39	+13	+7.4
Pri-Ze 1	370	1,029	—300	—44.8
Pri-Ze 5	310	428	—120	—27.9
Pri-Ze op	452	s.o.l	—23	—4.8
Haifa Chemicals	1900	139	—100	—5.0
Teva r	1995	s.o.l	—105	—5.0
Teva b	1970	19	—130	—6.2
Teva db 3	488	75	n.c.	—
Tempo 1.0	460	38	—30	—6.1
Tempo 5.0	410	98	—10	—2.4
Tempo op 1	293	75	—52	—15.1
Tempo op 2	301	80	—2	—.7
Tromasbest 1	2708	s.o.2	—142	—5.0
Tromasbest 5	1239	s.o.l	—65	—5.0
Trom. op 1	2634	s.o.l	—306	—10.4
Yaeh	1376	152	—670	—32.8
Yaeh op	1758	s.o.2	—108	—5.8
Yomar 1	1332	13	+15	+1.1
Yomar 5	1294	11	—20	—1.5
Yitzhar 1	299	176	—1	—.3
Yitzhar 5	201	217	—21	—9.5
Yitzhar op 1	146	92	—22	—13.1
ZionCables 1	4180	s.o.l	—220	—5.0
ZionCables 5	823	277	—92	—10.1
ZionCables op	555	16	—30	—5.1
Clal Electronics	2693	s.o.l	—142	—5.0
Lodzia 0.1	2185	s.o.l	—115	—5.0
Lodzia 0.4	630	316	—70	—10.0
Modul Ind.	350	221	—29	—7.7
Wolfman 1	1130	16	—70	—5.8
Wolfman 5	645	8	—35	—5.2
Molett B r	1971	9	—90	—4.4
Man 1.0	1190	51	—60	—4.8
Man 5.0	597	105	+47	+8.6
Zika 1	1482	s.o.l	—78	—5.0
Zika 5	1246	75	—139	—10.0
Zika op 1	951	28	—65	—6.4
Dead Sea r	3994	s.o.2	—210	—5.0
Kadamani 1	484	s.o.l	—25	—4.9
Kadamani 5	295	160	—5	—1.7
Kadam. op A	177	101	—18	—9.2
AIPM r	3090	199	—260	—7.8
Assis	1971	154	—219	—10.0
Petrochemicals	185	1,498	—13	—6.6
Maquette 1	1618	14	+10	+.6
Maquette 5	541	85	—57	—9.5
Maq. op A	850	3	—70	—7.6
Nechushtan 0.1	574	226	—64	—10.0
Nechushtan 0.5	271	146	—20	—6.9
Nechushtan op	211	61	—5	—2.3
Neca Chem.	320	232	—19	—5.6
Sano 1	1470	20	—60	—3.9
Sano 5	1075	13	—25	—2.3
Sunfrost	420	387	—33	—7.3
Spectronix 1	1116	222	—124	—10.0
Spectronix 5	620	478	—15	—2.4
Spect. op 1	571	15	n.c.	—
Ayit 1	7583	—	—843	—10.0
Ayit 5	3217	s.o.l	—169	—5.0
Ayit op	2699	s.o.l	—376	—12.2
Elite r	3400	379	—300	—8.1
Arad r	362	236	—40	—10.0
Arad op 1	338	s.o.l	—20	—5.6
Feuchtwanger 1	600	137	—173	—22.4
Feuchtwanger 5	499	193	—48	—8.8
Feucht. op 1	516	s.o.l	—29	—5.3
Polgat 0.1	3240	23	—360	—10.0
Polgat 0.4	1550	599	—30	—1.9
Polygon r	1030	44	—70	—6.4
Pollak 1	697	276	—77	—10.0
Pollak 5	380	214	—59	—13.4
Pollak op 1	352	50	n.c.	—
Pecker Steel	940	117	+9	+1.0
Pecker op A	1947	2	—203	—9.4
Cyclone 1	852	s.o.l	—45	—5.0
Cyclone 5	368	128	—7	—1.9
Cyclone op	263	83	—27	—9.3
King 1	478	106	—30	—5.9
King 5	315	14	—5	—1.6
King op 1	235	42	—10	—4.1
Klil 1.0	2907	s.o.l	—153	—5.0
Klil 5.0	1308	s.o.l	—69	—5.0
Katz. Adler 1	470	983	—52	—10.0
Katz. Adler 5	391	s.o.l	—20	—4.9
Katz op	225	259	—26	—10.4
Rim 0.1 r	794	28	—60	—7.0
Rim 0.4 r	471	137	—19	—3.9
Schoellerina	1659	2,918	—1500	—47.5
Shemen p. r	7120	5	—380	—5.1
T.A.T. 1.0	400	1,875	—601	—60.0
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Where even shekels glitter

POVERTY was all the rage in the Knesset yesterday. The outcome of the debate was predictable: two no-confidence motions charging the government with responsibility for the recent growth of poverty in the country were brushed aside. But in the meantime the limelight was turned on a subject which does not, these days, seem to attract excessive attention.

The occasion for the Knesset debate was the publication, a fortnight ago, of a report on poverty by the National Insurance Institute. The report stated that, during the five years between 1977 and 1981, the number of families under the poverty line had grown from slightly under 3 to 6 per cent of the population. In absolute terms that meant that while in 1977 there were 14,000 poor families (64,300 persons), in 1981 the number was 33,900 families (153,200 persons).

It so happened that the five years reviewed in the NII report were mostly years of Likud rule. No wonder, growled the Alignment: the growth in poverty was the direct result of official economic and social policies ostensibly designed to "benefit the people."

Without waiting for the Knesset to take up the subject and render its partisan verdict, the Treasury rushed in to rebut any such conclusion. The poverty line, it was pointed out, is drawn by the NII at 40 per cent of the income level between the highest and the lowest salaries. The statistical concept of poverty is thus entirely relative, and does not imply a floor beneath which human existence is barely possible. Such dire poverty may be encountered in some Third World countries, but not in Israel.

Israel's poverty line is in fact set, for January 1983, at IS16,000 for a couple with two children, which is certainly nothing to crow about, but nothing to panic about either.

Moreover the NII's concept of poverty, adopted in the early 1970s, takes into account only straight income and "transfer payments," such as child allowances. The latter were indeed significantly eroded by inflation in recent years. But the NII must leave out of account a whole array of social services introduced, or expanded, during the past decade, such as housing schemes, community centres, day-care provisions and special school programmes, which were aimed mainly at the poor.

However, social welfare experts now lack any comprehensive set of indicators that would show to what extent these services have actually improved the condition of the poor relative to other groups. Such indicators would put the statistical concept of poverty, which focuses on income, in its proper perspective.

Much of the present debate on poverty is for this reason being conducted in a vacuum. But the Treasury's own conclusion that the picture emerging from the NII's report is essentially untrue to life, is itself unwarranted. Social services to the poor have been reduced in the past 2 or 3 years, for budgetary reasons.

This explains the urgency with which the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, a Tami bastion, is now pushing two pet remedies for the poverty problem — a minimum wage bill and a large families bill.

Whether these two bills would, if passed into law, make a substantial contribution to bettering the lot of the poor, is by no means certain. Thus the hypothetical couple with two children on the poverty line would not benefit at all from higher child allowances to large families. If payment for those higher benefits were to be financed by a reduction in allowances for the first and second child, which is what the Treasury wants, the couple would in fact be the loser. (Half of all families below the poverty line have between one and three children.

As for the minimun wage, unofficially it is today a bit short of IS10,000. If this level were made mandatory, both husband and wife would still have to work full-time to just lift themselves above the poverty line. In the process they would also pay higher income tax and lose their eligibility for free day-care.

The condition of the poor in Israel, though often most deplorable, is not catastrophic. The poor are still a small minority, and they are not getting poorer. But, judging by such evidence as is available, their number is growing — the 1977-1981 trend was not reversed in 1982. This should offer food for thought, and cause for action.

Suicidal submissions

By PETER E. GOLDMAN

IT IS time for the American Jewish community and the Israeli public to disabuse themselves of the concept that there is a "special relationship" between the United States and Israel, and that the frequent American-Israeli disputes are merely minor squabbles between friends.

One of the principal aims of American Middle East policy is to force Israel to return to the 1949 Armistice lines. This is the underlying theme of the Reagan Plan and the "talking points" sent to Israel by the U.S. Government. Israel is to be divested of Judea and Samaria, Jerusalem is to become "negotiable." Sinai has already been given up by Israel, and the U.S. is on record as strongly opposing Israel's incorporation of the Golan Heights. In fact American opposition to the Golan move caused the U.S. to abrogate the then newly — formed strategic cooperation agreement.

We therefore have the U.S. forcefully seeking Israeli retreat to the 1949 Armistice lines. These demands are accompanied by endless attacks on Israel, either by action such as holding up delivery of F-15 and F-16 airplanes, in votes of condemnation in the UN Security Council, or by constant verbal abuse from the secretary of defence, the secretary of state and anonymous "senior officials," often quoted in the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post*.

This is not a new direction for U.S. policy. Ever since the Rogers Plan of December 1969, successive American administrations have rejected Israel's title to Judea and Samaria, and have sought to pressure Israel back to the indefensible pre-1967 lines. The current administration, with its close ties to Saudi Arabia, is far more determined to achieve this goal, nor does it fear domestic political reaction. The anti-Israel propaganda job done by the media has neutralized the American public, and the leadership of the Jewish community finds itself divided and impotent.

Since the survival of Israel is more important to the Israeli Government than is the continued presence of Saudi money in U.S. banks, businesses and Treasury, or the illusory Arab strategic consensus against the USSR, Israel is committed to resist all attempts to reduce the state to its former vulnerable dimensions.

An enemy army (whether Jordanian or PLO) in the hills of Samaria looking down on Israel's population centres presents such a danger to the existence of the state that only a government bent on dissolving the state could agree to such an arrangement. The eastern front of the Arab states can now amass more than 9,000 tanks.

Even should Jordan agree to a peace treaty, such a situation would be totally unacceptable in an area where treaties and promises are rarely kept. One does not place one's security totally in the hands of an enemy, nor in the hands of a nation offering "guarantees" of protection. Historically, such "guarantees" have proven worthless. Furthermore, there is no indication that the Arab aim of destroying Israel in stages has undergone any change. Israel's existence, and not its borders, remains the core of the Arab-Israel conflict.

The Reagan Administration's dedication to returning Israel to the 1949 Armistice lines, and the Israeli Government's commitment to resisting this attempt, which it correctly labels a "blueprint suicide," is not a minor misunderstanding; it is an unbridgeable rift.

AMERICANS must understand that Israel is the major deterrent to Soviet expansion and control in the Middle East, and that it would cost the U.S. taxpayer some $150 billion a year to project and maintain a force in the Middle East equivalent to the pro-Western Israeli army. The billion dollars the U.S. invests in Israel each year is returned many times. Unfortunately the Reagan Administrations's policies, which seek to reduce and weaken this major strategic asset, are very damaging to the interests and well-being of the U.S. itself.

Israel must understand that no concession short of the ultimate concession — Israel's disappearance — will please the Arabs and thereby the appeasement-prone Western nations. Surrounded by well-armed hostile nations, only strength (military, political, economic, territorial) will assure Israel's survival and possibly lead to a *de facto* peace, which is the most one can hope for in the Middle East.

Israel is currently the major power in the area, but its position is nevertheless precarious. Already strategically and economically weakened by the loss of Sinai, the loss of Judea and Samaria would place Israel in an untenable military and psychological situation. A united Arab world, armed with the latest Soviet and American weapons and backed politically by most of the world's nations, is another potential threat.

The incorporation of Judea and Samaria — now that Egypt and the U.S. have broken the Camp David Accords — while being prepared to prevent an Arab arms buildup, are Israel's minimum security requirements.

The Arabs, who have lost every war with Israel, nevertheless act like victors when the wars are finished. They refuse peace; they make demands; they make the West bend to their will. Using oil, money, terror, explicit demands and conditions from which they never budge, they emerge victorious with the Western powers firmly on their side.

The military victor, Israel, makes the concessions and becomes the supplicant for U.S. largesse. In the minds of the American public Israel becomes another one of those cumbersome and mendicant client states.

If Israel wishes to be taken seriously as a geo-political power, command respect, and change the pro-Arab leanings of the Western nations, it must be prepared to exert power. Israel must be prepared to make the Western nations as afraid of the Jewish state as they are of the Arabs, by making the West realize that Israel can play a major role in the ultimate disposition of Middle Eastern oil.

A nation that is not prepared to assert its claim to the part of its homeland where its history evolved, and which does not immediately incorporate the 64 kilometre depth needed for its self-defence, for fear of offending the U.S., will have a hard time surviving in the hostile Middle East or in justifying its cause.

If Israel were to accommodate all American wishes, it would be reduced to unviable dimensions and eventually be destroyed. Israel must, therefore, free itself of its dependence on the U.S., since American foreign policy is not oriented towards the well-being of the Jewish state.

If Israel acted like the power it is, the U.S. and Europe would be approaching Israel with offers. A recognition of Israel's value is needed in Washington. A recognition of Israel's strength and its just cause is needed in Jerusalem.

Incidentally, as an American, I have been hesitant to publish an articls suggesting a course of action for Israel. However, since Israelis from Mattityahu Peled to Shimon Peres fill the American media with attacks on the Israeli Government and suggestions to the American Government, while American "doves" like Alexander Schindler write in the Israeli press, I believe it to be justified and beneficial for the Israeli public to hear a different American perspective.

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Dry Bones



Bringing out the best

By ROCHELLE FURSTENBERG

UPON PRESIDENT Yitzhak Navon's return from the U.S., reports circulated that he had decided not to seek another term as president of Israel.

Although it will not be officially announced until February, journalists claimed that Navon would retire from public life when his term as president expired in May, and devote himself to writing.

If that is true, it could lead to a national campaign to enlist Navon as Labour candidate for prime minister. For those unhappy with Likud, and unenthusiastic about the present Labour leadership, Navon brings hope of a fresh political climate. People nod thoughtfully at the suggestion of Navon for prime minister, even Labour opponents treat him respectfully.

It is not, as some claim, his position, but rather his person, that elicits the best in us.

No doubt Navon has his critics. Iago-like asides have been heard from American and Israeli observers about his private life, his lack of political muscle. "Not ruthless enough for Israeli politics, not tough enough to be prime minister," they say.

The magic word *realpolitick* is bandied about, and those passing judgment radiate a sense of worldly-wisdom. No illusions here about what it takes to be prime minister. Navon is somehow relegated to the category of Adlai Stevenson; and it is forgotten that suspicion of the cultivated Stevenson led to the election of Eisenhower.

What created this vague impression of Navon as not tough enough? Who passed on this view to American and Israeli journalists? There are certainly enough persons in Likud and Labour anxious to undermine Navon. The supporters of Begin and Peres aren't the only detractors; Rabin has emerged as competitor to Navon in the public opinion polls. His people might also be whispering cues from the wings.

How quickly people forget Rabin's uninspiring leadership, and the impression of flabbiness and corruption in the Labour Party which he was unable to dispel. And this impression has certainly been reinforced during Likud's rule. There is no reason to believe that Labour can make a comeback until it has been dispelled.

On the other hand, doubts have developed about the *realpolitik* of Begin and Sharon. The government tries to maintain an even keel in Lebanon but its mistakes, and the price to be paid for them, become more and more evident. The nation begins to grasp Begin's impotence, and it is becoming impatient. Remarks in the street make one wonder if the Age of Begin isn't in decline. The process might be helped if Yitzhak Navon announced he was a candidate for prime minister.

I WOULD contend that most people would like to see Navon run not only, or primarily, because he has a chance of gaining the votes of Sephardic Jews who have come of age and reject the Labour Establishment. People feel that he has the leadership-potential the country needs in this crucial time. It has been observed that Begin appeals to the common Jewishness, the unifying elements, in the Jewish people. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was that he made Jews from Middle Eastern countries feel that they were participants in the country's development. But his appeal was often addressed to the lowest common denominator. Navon also appeals to the unifying elements in the Jewish people. But he appeals to a finer self. He, too, conveys a sense of the father figure, the "chacham," of whom Jews from patriarchal communities feel deprived in their transition to a more Western Israeli society.

Moreover, Navon has begun brilliantly with a campaign to replace the settlement issue with the *aliya* issue. He thereby restores the idealistic self-image which the country desperately needs. He provides alternative Zionist goals for a nation resenting Labour because of its fall from idealism.

It will surely be easier for the National Religious Party and Tami, casting a look over their shoulder at their constituencies, to create a coalition with a man like Navon than with other Labour leaders. The arguments that Navon, like Yadin, will disappoint are invidious. Navon is no novice in politics. He was head of the Knesset Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security, and has proven his competence over many years. His conduct as president, which was highlighted by his recent trip to America, was gracious and diplomatic. In addition, he has more access to the Arab way of thinking than many of our politicians. In our search for a politician we should not overlook the statesman.

Will he be tough enough, will he be able to pull together the disparate parts of the Labour Party? That has still to be seen. But there is no proof that he is not tough enough. Begin entered the premiership as a man conditioned by 29 years of opposition. There was certainly more reason to doubt his ability to lead the nation than there is to doubt Navon's today. If the man has the right qualities, the position helps forge the leader.

The act of joining the fray would itself be a sign of courage. Many people very much doubt whether Begin can be defeated. But perhaps Navon will be able finally to expose the weakness of Begin, which is embodied in the deeds of Sharon. The only question is how long it will be before Likud pays for its sins of commission in the Lebanese War, as Labour paid for its sins of omission in the Yom Kippur War. In any case, we must hope that Navon can lead us back to our better selves.

The writer is a Jerusalem-based freelance journalist.

READERS' LETTERS

SEVERE SENTENCE?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I strongly question the "concern for young girls and the public interest" of a judge, such as Magistrates Court Judge Gershon David, who sentences a man that has molested two six-year old girls to three months in prison and a nine-month suspended sentence (January 11).

If this is what Justice David considers a "severe sentence," I shudder to think about what he considers a light sentence due to extenuating circumstances.

ETI MLINARSKI

Tel Aviv.

NEW STAMPS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have just read that new stamps are shortly to be issued, glorifying the settlement movement on the West Bank and on the Golan. The day I receive them, I will return them to the Philatelic Service with a note of protest: I am a stamp collector and not a collector of government propaganda stickers.

I suggest that all Israelis, especially stamp collectors, should boycott these stamps. If enough stamps remain unsold, maybe the government will learn that it is impossible to ignore the feelings of a large part of the public and handle state institutions and their emblems as if they were the private property of the Likud.

Tel Aviv. *ADAM KELLER*

PENFRIENDS

MARY TAM (45), of Cawood Street, Cradock, C.P., 5880, South Africa, visited Israel and would like to have Israeli penfriends. She has two children and is interested in baking, knitting and sewing.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. *The Times* of London yesterday published "revelations" about Britain's efforts in 1949 to dissuade Arab states from making peace with Israel — repeating details which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* almost two years ago.

Cables from British legations in Transjordan, Egypt, Syria and Iraq informed the Foreign Office in the summer of 1949 that the Arab governments were interested in reaching a formal or informal peace agreement with the newborn Jewish state.

Sir John Troutbeck, head of the British Middle East Office in Cyprus, responded by warning that an Israeli-Arab peace might end in the creation of a neutral bloc inimical to British interests in the region. The British emissaries apparently subsequently helped persuade the Arab leaders against concluding peace.

A report on the documents — released under the 30-year-rule for British government secret papers — was given by our diplomatic correspondent, David Landau, in February 1981. *The Times* slipped yesterday in accepting the same information by a Columbia University fellow as hot news.

P.S. WE WERE driving along the Lebanese coastal road between Tyre and Sidon the other day and were making note of a number of familiar/unfamiliar advertising signs (Mobil Oil, Dutch Boy Paints, etc.) when we saw one which struck us as extremely odd, especially if one reads it with the appropriate British accent. We've no idea what it is meant to advertise — unless it is someone's capsule comment on the political situation in our neighbouring country to the north. In bright, bold letters, the sign proclaims: "Sodital."

P.S. AN ELECTRON microscope to be built by the University of Chicago will be powerful enough to peer into the spaces between atoms, a university physicist said recently.

Taking three years to build, it will be capable of magnifying objects 150 million times, making it the most powerful in the world, according to physicist Albert Crewe.

He said the device should be able to resolve objects as small as one-half an angstrom in size. An angstrom is one tenth of a millionth of a millimetre (four billionths of an inch).

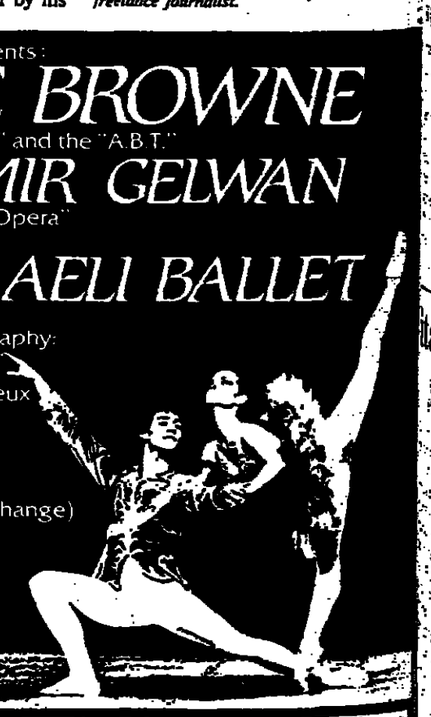
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